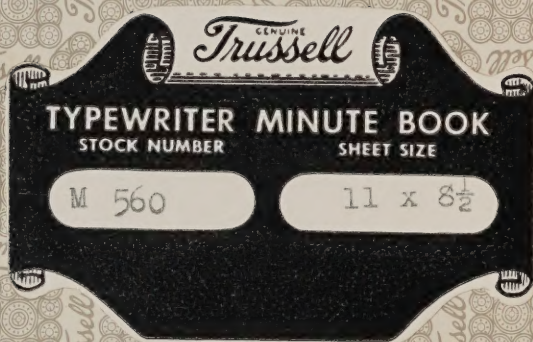


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THE HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES

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MINUTES

HARTFORD MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS

January 8, 1970

1. The Meeting opened with a period of silence during which the Clerk read the Sixth Query.
2. Jim Carpenter reported that Christmas Eve the police called Bob Kearney when they found the Meeting door left open, lights on, and the thermostats pushed up. The door must be locked with a key. It was suggested that list of addresses and phones of nearby people who have keys be posted by the door.
3. Francis Helfrick gave the report of Ministry and Counsel:
 - a. The Committee gave further consideration to the FISH proposal. It was decided that the Meeting would not join at this time.
 - b. The death of Marion Woodbridge of Mt. Toby Meeting on January 4th was noted.
4. Joan Hawkes and Jacqueline Parton reported on the Committee of Oversight for the wedding of Robin Shepard and Andrew Cantrell on January 24 at 2:00.
5. Paul Butterworth read the following memorial minute to Bernice Leete Smith, a member of our Meeting who died December 18, 1969:

"Friends who have not heard should know that Bernice Leete Smith has died December 18, 1969 after a long illness of brain tumor. She and her husband, Robert Avery Smith, and their three boys have been members of Hartford Meeting since its early days and their interest has practical evidence in the carpeting of our front hall and stairway and in the antique table there.

Robert and Bernice moved their business to a house in Rockingham, Vermont, with Bernice's Mother, now 99 years old and of reasonably sound mind and body, next door. The boys have finished their education and have established themselves elsewhere. Mrs. Leete will go to Guilford, Connecticut, to live with a son. Robert's plans are sadly uncertain.

Footnote: Bernice's first ancestor in this country was among the group that settled Guilford and the Leete family has continued there until the present time. It may interest some to know that my paternal grandmother had an ancestor named Munger who came to Guilford in 1637 as an indentured seaman. He was required to work for three years without wages before he could strike out for himself. There are Mungers still living in Guilford. I am pleased to know that Bernice's ancestors and mine probably were friends if not Friends."

6. The Clerk read a letter of appreciation from Toos and Art Knuttel.
7. The Treasurer's report noted contributions from 104 individuals totaling \$15,445.61. The budget had anticipated \$15,200 income.

8. Ellen Paullin gave the report of Peace and Social Concerns.

- a. On Sunday January 11th Russell Johnson will speak to the Meeting at 11 o'clock about his forthcoming trip to Tanzania and Cambodia. At 2:00 he will speak about his recent trip to Cuba. José Salazar, representative of Cubans in Hartford, wishes to distribute literature and have an opportunity to speak to the Meeting. It was agreed that Russell will speak and answer questions from 2:00 to 3:30. Then José Salazar will have an opportunity to speak. Coffee will be served during the afternoon. Friends are urged to greet guests.
 - b. Food and \$20 was given to the Grape Boycott workers for Christmas.
9. Kiki Wolf reported on Clifford House. There are now four boys with the fifth arriving tomorrow. There is a need for ice skates.
 10. The Hartford Area AFSC has activities in three areas - peace education, draft counseling, and youth work. A trip to Washington is planned for the February vacation. Some Hartford high school students have expressed an interest in going and can pay part of their trip. Friends agreed that the Meeting could allocate at least \$50 for scholarship help.
 11. The Meeting has been asked to serve refreshments to Honor Court on January 26th. Alice Cheney and other women will help on that evening.
 12. Connie Way expressed her concern for railings on the outside steps to the addition. The matter was referred to the Management Committee.
 13. There will be a worship meeting at the Wattles home Friday evening, January 9th. Meetings are planned once a month to see what spiritual concerns might arise.
 14. New England Friends Home is anxious to have representatives from Meeting visit the Home with hospitality provided. Connie Way and Henry Baechler will visit and bring a report back to Meeting.
 15. Betty Hathaway reported an offer to the Meeting of a baby grand piano. The Meeting graciously turned down the offer. The Hathaways will keep the piano. The Meeting approved having both our pianos tuned.
 16. The Meeting adjourned with a period of silence. 25 members attended.

Robertus Brill
Robert Brill, Clerk

Brad Noel
Brad Noel, Recording Clerk

February 12, 1970

1. The Meeting opened with a period of silence during which the Clerk read from the Seventh Query.
2. Marjorie Baechler gave the report of Ministry and Counsel.
 - a. Anne-Marie Miller shared with Ministry and Counsel the plans of First Day School for two five-week periods starting in June.
 - b. Ministry and Counsel recommends for membership Patrick Christopher Smith of Litchfield, Connecticut. The Meeting approved. Morris, Connie, and Jim Way will visit.
 - c. A letter has been received from five Young Friends, members of Young Friends of North America, who wish to visit with us on March 12th. Friends agreed to have a Meeting for Worship in the late afternoon followed by a simple supper and an evening Meeting for Business, with a discussion with the Young Friends the scheduled item for business. Contributions to the young people may be made to the Treasurer.
 - d. Word was received of the death of Viggo Jorgensen on February 5th in Tarpon Springs, Florida. He was the husband of member Alice Jorgensen.
3. Patricia Ritter brought us up to date on activities at Clifford House.
4. Katherine Locke is on the Board of FISH but feels that it is not necessary for the Meeting to officially join.
5. Connie Way is making arrangements to have some note paper printed with a picture of the Meeting House on it to be sold. The Meeting approved appropriating funds to initiate the project.
6. Tom Bodine gave the report of the AFSC.
 - a. Training sessions have been held with draft counselors. There are presently 12 counselors who are kept busy. About 60 inquiries are received a month.
 - b. Foundations are being approached to provide funds for a youth worker to take over from Gerda Conant in work with high school young people.
 - c. The Moratorium Committee has planned contact with churches and synagogues on February 28th and March 1st after services to bring their concerns on the war in Vietnam to the congregations.
 - d. An ecology program is being held March 21st at the University of Hartford. The AFSC is looking for a young person to work full time on ecology at \$25 per week.
7. The Finance Committee presented the proposed budget for 1970.
 - a. Peace and Social Concerns suggested adding an amount of \$500 to be

sent to Canada to meet the needs of draft-age emigrees in Canada. Canadian Quakers will be consulted as to where best to send the funds. There are now an estimated 60,000 young American emigrees in Canada. Friends approved.

b. It was agreed to add an amount of \$50 for Half Way House and \$50 for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

c. The budget was approved as amended.

8. Ellen Paullin gave the report of Peace and Social Concerns.

a. Sandy Lucas is being sent to a meeting in Cleveland of the National Youth Mobilization Committee. It is hoped she can report to the Meeting at Adult Discussion on March 8th.

b. Tom Bodine, Bob Lyon, and Elizabeth Boardman met in Cambridge with six representatives of the Cuban exiles headed by Jose Salazar while 450 Cubans demonstrated outside. Their concern was to persuade AFSC to dismiss Russ Johnson.

The Meeting was attended by 28 members.

Robert Brill
Robert Brill, Clerk

Brad Noel
Brad Noel, Recording Clerk

March 12, 1970

1. The Meeting opened with a period of silence during which the Clerk read from John Woolman's Journal.
2. Ted Paullin gave the report of Ministry and Counsel.
 - a. Ministry and Counsel recommends for membership Charles and Jacqueline Parton and for junior membership their children Diane, Sarah, and Charles William Jr. The Meeting approved. Ted and Ellen Paullin and Don and Brad Noel will visit the Partons to welcome them into membership.
 - b. Certificates of Transfer were received for Donald Warrington from Reading Meeting and for Dorothy Warrington and their daughter Nancy Louise from Pittsburgh Meeting. Alice Cheney and Francis Helfrick will call on the Warringtons to welcome them.
 - c. Judith Cullen and Jeffery Park asked to be married under the care of the Meeting on June 6, 1970. Arthur and Kiki Wolf and Jim and Mary Jane Carpenter will serve as the Committee on Clearness.
3. The Meeting adjourned to share concerns with three Young Friends, Marion Baker, Charles Lamb, and Ruth Ann Ruben, who are visiting Friends in eastern United States.

45 members were in attendance.

Robert M Brill
Robert Brill, Clerk

Brad Noel
Brad Noel, Recording Clerk

April 9, 1970

1. The Meeting was opened with a period of silence during which the Clerk asked, "What have you done about your convictions lately?"
2. Marjorie Baechler gave the report of Ministry and Counsel.
 - a. Thomas Drummond Ritter, a junior member, has written asking to become a full member. The Meeting approved. Libby Butterworth and Raleigh Bailey will call on him.
 - b. Peggy Clepper Hathaway gave birth to a boy, Michael John Hathaway, on March 27, 1970.
3. The Committee on Clearness reported favorably on the approaching marriage of Judy Cullen and Jeff Park on June 6, 1970.
4. Reports were made on welcoming visits to new members Charles and Jacqueline Parton and Don and Dorothy Warrington and their children. Both families have already been very active in Hartford Meeting.
5. Frances Helfrick gave the preliminary report of the nominating committee.
6. Robert Brill gave the report of the recorder on behalf of Ted Paullin. The following junior members who have reached age 25 and not requested membership are removed from membership rolls: Robert Gordon Buckland, David Adams Clark, Margaret Ann Clepper Hathaway, Michelle Swing Greene Herman, Mary-Ellen Wilcox Platt, Zora Glen Roberts, Jill Brainerd Root, and Suzanne Constance Way. The Meeting approved.
7. David and Gladys Jones of Carbondale, Illinois, presently affiliated members, have asked to be removed from membership rolls. The Meeting approved.
8. Austin Wattles gave the report of Peace and Social Concerns.
 - a. The committee discussed tax refusal with the possibility of making a Meeting witness. No decision was reached.
 - b. Training sessions in non-violence and the recent police shootings were also discussed.
9. Raleigh Bailey gave the report of Young Friends:
 - a. The group had four Sunday evening meetings before Christmas centering on social concerns, especially the Grape Boycott. Raleigh met

with Ed Hinshaw and other members of Meeting to discuss ideas for Young Friends.

- b. Pat Bailey will call Young Friends to ask if they would be willing to serve on the Young Friends Committee and to suggest adults they would wish to have serve on this Committee with them. The suggestions will be given to Francis Helfrick for presentation with the final report of the nominating committee.
10. Richard Boulton reported that he has audited the books for 1968 and 1969 and found them in order. Procedures instigated by the Baechlers have streamlined the treasurer's books and operations.
11. Quarterly Meeting will be held in New Haven on May 2 and 3. Fred Wheeler, Alice Cheney, Florence Carpenter, Nat and Betty Hathaway. and Austin Wattles were named representatives from Hartford Meeting.
12. Helen Brill reported on First Day School's six-weeks special interest program. The children will have a program for the adults on Sunday at 11. Another similar six-weeks program will follow.
13. Yearly Meeting Religious Education Committee is holding a seminar on Family Living - Individual Worth on April 17 at Mt. Toby.
14. Friends were reminded of Yearly Meeting at Taft School from June 26th to July 1st and Friends General Conference June 22 to 27.
15. Report was given on the activities of the AFSC:
 - a. Activities have included draft counseling, planning moratorium visits to the churches, and Earth Day. The Committee will be calling on volunteers to help medical school officials in a survey of pre-schoolers to determine presence of lead poisoning. They are also asking for observers at the Anti-aircraft Conspiracy Demonstration on April 14th in East Hartford.
 - b. The AFSC has decided to release a press statement expressing concern on "unrestrained use of firearms by police." The AFSC has asked the Meeting to issue a similar statement. The Meeting did not feel it could issue a corporate statement on this issue at this time though Friends were urged to write individually. Friends will discuss this specific issue in a larger framework on a Sunday morning session or sessions to be arranged by adult discussion.
 - c. Carl Gross of the Moratorium Committee has been granted use of a room in the Meeting House by AFSC pending approval by the Meeting. The Meeting approved.

27 members were in attendance.

Robert M. Brill
Robert Brill, Clerk

Brad Noel
Brad Noel, Recording Clerk

May 14, 1970

1. The Meeting opened with a period of silence during which the Clerk read a Query from the New England Faith and Practice.
2. Marjorie Baechler reported for Ministry and Counsel.
 - a. A letter of transfer was received from Clear Creek Monthly Meeting for John and Grace Fogg and for their children Jay Richard and Marjorie as junior members. Henry and Marjorie Baechler will visit and welcome them to membership in Hartford Meeting.
 - b. Norman and Leanna Goerlich and their children will be in Hartford on July 16th under sponsorship of Friends General Conference and would enjoy meeting with Friends to discuss marriage enrichment and related topics. The Warringtons will offer hospitality and announce the meeting to members.
 - c. News of members moving:

Sylvia Gardner will be moving to Falmouth, Massachusetts. It was suggested a letter be sent to Falmouth Meeting telling of Sylvia's arrival.

Robert and Dorothy Parsons will retire to Wilmington, Ohio.

Mary Alice McCracken will study in Spain next year.

Laurence and Mary Rubin are moving to Nashville, Tennessee.
 - d. A letter has been received from Robinson Lilienthal asking to be married to Darryle Pfanner under the care of the Meeting in August. Ted and Ellen Paullin and Don and Brad Noel were appointed as the Committee for Clearness.
 - e. The Butterworths have again invited the Meeting to a picnic on June 14th at Sunset Farm.
3. Mary Alice McCracken reported on the Quaker Lane Cooperative Nursery School. The school has been in existence for nineteen years. Mrs. Camp has been teaching all this time. Four-year-olds meet on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, and three-year-olds meet on Tuesday and Thursday. The Meeting does have a scholarship for a child, with preference given to members.
4. Friends were reminded of the Jeff Park - Judy Cullen wedding on June 6th and the Stuart Smith - Sylvia Helfrick wedding on May 31st at the Ways.
5. Recorder Ted Paullin reported that we presently have 253 full and junior members, a gain of 10 from last year.
6. The report of the Nominating Committee was given. The Meeting approved the report.
7. Ralph Williams was appointed as the 3rd member of the Nominating Committee to serve for 3 years.

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8. Ellen Paullin gave the report of Peace and Social Concerns.
 - a. On May 30-31 there will be a Woolman Hill Conference on Response to Violence. Pam Paulson and Florence Carpenter will attend.
 - b. Paper and envelopes were passed out and members were urged to write the President and members of the Senate in support of Amendment 609 to the Military Procurement Authorization Bill. 66 letters were written.
9. An invitation to all members was shared from Pastor Walker of the Allen Chapel for May 17th at 11 A.M. Austin Wattles will speak for the Meeting. Paul and Libby Butterworth and Art and Kiki Wolf will attend.
10. Alice Cheney asked for volunteers to help with hospitality for Honor Court on June 15th. Gerda Conant and Ruth Lilienthal will be going.
11. Florence Carpenter reported on Quarterly Meeting May 2 and 3 in New Haven.
12. Connie Way urged Friends to clean out the Friendly Exchange Closet.
13. Dorothy Warrington volunteered to type the minutes for our permanent minute book.
14. Kiki Wolf reported on Clifford House.
15. The schedule for adult discussion was reported.

33 members were in attendance.

Francis Helfrick
Francis Helfrick, Assistant Clerk
Brad Noel
Brad Noel, Recording Clerk

June 11, 1970

1. The Meeting opened with a brief period of silent worship. In keeping with our nuptial season, the Clerk read two passages on marriage; one written by Thomas Ellwood in 1669, and the other taken from London Yearly Meeting Faith and Practice.
2. Archie Meshunuk presented the report of Ministry and Counsel.

Archie Meshunuk was appointed Clerk of Ministry and Counsel.
3. Ted Paullin reported for Committee on Clearness for the marriage of Robinson Lilienthal and Darryle Pfanner. Ellen and Ted Paullin and Don and Brad Noel met with the young couple and have no reservation about the suitability of the marriage. The marriage will take place on August 8. The Committee on Oversight will be Arthur and Toos Knuttel and Arthur and Kiki Wolf.
4. Ted Paullin gave the annual report of the Recorder for 1969. There are now 253 members compared with 243 in 1968. This represents 14 additions and 4

losses. Of the 101 junior members, 80 are under 21 years of age.

5. Gordon Jensen gave the report of Management Committee.

Morris Way will be responsible for the painting of the Meeting House. Art Knuttel will take care of repairs on the Lilienthal house. Henry Baechler will see to repairs on the Hunter house.

6. Florence Carpenter gave the report for Peace and Social Concerns.

a. A workshop on "Resolution of Conflict" held at Woolman Hill was attended by Pam Paulsen, Gerda Wallach, and Florence Carpenter. Role-playing covered tension and conflict situations.

b. Bill Brayfield stated that it is hoped that a similar workshop will be held at our Meeting House early in August.

7. A letter from Don Noel was read regarding Gilbert Mead, who is now at Half-way House and is seeking contact with our Meeting. Tom Brown has met with Gilbert Mead and will bring him to Meeting.

8. The following personal items were contributed by Archie Meshunuk:

a. Ernest and Catharine Brown and their children will be honor guests at the First Day School picnic on June 14. Since they will be moving to Rochester, New York, a Bible will be presented to the family as a parting gift.

b. Larry and Mary Rubin have moved to Nashville, Tennessee. A book of nursery rhymes was given to their daughter as a parting remembrance.

c. Francis and Sylvia Helfrick left June 11th for Peru. They took with them \$50 donated by members of the Meeting to help alleviate the suffering caused by the earthquake. Both Francis and Sylvia will offer their services as physicians at the Peace Corps Center. Their daughter, Liz, and son-in-law, Geoff Barnes, both in the Peace Corps, escaped injury.

d. A request from New York Yearly Meeting for a film on Lucretia Mott (made by our First Day School) will be taken care of.

e. First Day School picnic for the Meeting will be held on June 14 at the Butterworths, Sunset Farm. Friends are reminded to bring their own food, stoves, grills, and chairs.

f. We are happy to know that Paul Butterworth is home again after a short stay in the hospital.

g. Alice Jorgensen is visiting in the area.

h. Sylvia Gardiner is finding her new home in Falmouth, Massachusetts, very pleasant.

i. A letter from Ralph Williams from Kenya telling of his recent surgery is posted on the bulletin board.

9. Report on the Committee for Oversight for the marriage of Judith Cullen and Jeffrey Park was given by Jim Reik. Judy and Jeff were married under the care of the Meeting on June 6. Paul and Elsa Cullen expressed their gratitude for help and support given at the time of the wedding.
10. Among those representing our Meeting at Friends General Conference to be held at Ocean Grove, New Jersey, on June 22 and 27 will be Marjorie and Henry Baechler, Don and Dorothy Warrington, Pat Ritter, and Tom Bodine.
11. Among those representing our Meeting at New England Yearly Meeting to be held at Taft School on June 26 to July 1st will be Marjorie and Henry Baechler, Florence Carpenter, Virginia Hedges, Ted Paullin, Helen Brill, Mabel and Moses Bailey, and Dorothy and Fred Wheeler.
12. Friends were reminded that Norman and Leanna Goerlich and their children will be in Hartford on July 16th under sponsorship of Friends General Conference. They plan to discuss Marriage Enrichment and related topics. The Warringtons will offer hospitality.
13. The Wednesday Vigil for Peace will continue through the summer. It is held weekly from 12 to 1 P.M. in front of the Old State House.
14. Virginia Costales will be leaving in July for a two-year stay in New Mexico to set up a public health program for Indians. Virginia asked that the Nominating Committee find a replacement for her on the Adult Education Committee.
15. A traveling minute, prepared by the Clerk, was given to Scott Ritter, who will be traveling in England, Ireland, and on the continent this summer.
16. First Day School teachers and pupils were commended for the excellence of their program on June 7th.
17. A preview of summer plans of those present at the Meeting was enjoyed by all.
18. After a closing period of worship, the Meeting adjourned, purposing to meet again on September 10th.
19. Twenty-six persons attended.

Ellen Paullin
Ellen Paullin, Clerk

Elsa N. Cullen
Elsa N. Cullen, Recording Clerk

September 10, 1970

1. The Meeting opened with a brief period of silent worship. The Clerk read a passage on simplicity and integrity from New England Yearly Meeting Faith and Practice, and a message from the Young Friends Ecology Study Group.
2. Newcomers to Meeting were introduced. We welcomed Mary Fuller of Concord Meeting and Mary Cooper, a visitor, of Montclair Meeting.
3. Fred Wheeler invited Hartford Friends to join the Watertown Allowed Meeting on September 20th at 9:30 A.M. to help observe its second anniversary.
4. The Clerk read letters received during the summer:
 - a. Notes of thanks were received from Dorothy and Robert Parsons, Jeffrey and Judy Cullen Park, and Virginia Costales.
 - b. A letter from Robinson Lilienthal and Darryle Pfanner explained the postponement of their marriage to a later date.
5. Marjorie Baechler and Archie Meshunuk presented the report for Ministry and Counsel.
 - a. Robert Iosco has requested full membership in the Meeting. The Meeting approved. Ellen Paullin and Brad Noel will visit him.
 - b. Plans are being worked out for a series of neighborhood meetings. The schedule for these will be announced early in October.
 - c. Friends gathered for a potluck supper on July 16 with Norman and Le-anna Goerlich. The subject discussed was Marriage Enrichment.
6. Florence Carpenter gave the report for Peace and Social Concerns.
 - a. A workshop on Non-Violent Response was held at our Meetinghouse on August 8th. It was led by Bidge McKay of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting Peace Committee.
 - b. Our Meeting will send a representative to the October 9-11 Pendle Hill Week-end Conference on Non-violent Social Change with Danilo Dolci, the Gandhi of Sicily.
 - c. Hiroshima Day, August 6th, was observed at the Old State House under the direction of AFSC. A dramalogue was presented.
 - d. Peggy Pinton reported on Clifford House. There are seven boys there now, ages 15 and 16.
7. Brad Noel gave the plans for Adult Education Committee:

September 13	-	Ralph Williams' slide talk on his year in Kenya.
September 20	-	Francis and Sylvia Helfrick's slide talk on their trip to Peru.
September 27	-	Tom Bodine's report on the Friends World Committee meeting in Sweden and on London Yearly Meeting.
October 4	-	A fellowship luncheon in honor of Alexander and Jeannette Purdy who will be visiting us from Swarthmore, Pennsylvania.

8. Henry Baechler reported for Management Committee.

The corner wall of the library has been repaired. The outside light has been installed. The flagstone walk from the gate to Maplewood Avenue has been installed, and the trim on the Meeting House has been painted.

9. Ellen Paullin told about the national AFSC workcamp of twenty high school students who were in Hartford for six weeks testing young children for lead poisoning. Two of the weeks the students lived at our Meeting House.
10. Henry Baechler gave the Treasurer's report:
- a. To date \$6,940 has been received on our \$16,000 budget, leaving a balance of \$9,060 to be raised before December 3rd.
 - b. Since our gift allotment showed a deficit of \$58.70 it was suggested that a Gift Fund be established to cover farewell gifts, illness, wedding, and baby presents. Each family is asked to contribute \$5.00.
 - c. The Meeting has not been paying the telephone tax going to the Vietnam War. As a result, we have been notified that the Internal Revenue Service will take the money from the Meeting bank account.
11. Highlights from New England Yearly Meeting held at Taft School in Watertown on June 26 to July 1 were given by Fred Wheeler, Austin Wattles, Marjorie Baechler, Archie Meshunuk, Libby Butterworth, and Nat Hathaway.
12. Marjorie Baechler reported on Friends General Conference held at Ocean Grove on June 22 to 27.
13. Joan Wattles, Marjorie Baechler, and Brad Noel told about China Camp and the pleasure shared there by eight young Friends from our Meeting.
14. Helen Brill reported for AFSC. An anniversary dinner honoring Russell Johnson for his twenty years of service will be held October 13th at 6:30 PM at the Unitarian Church in Bloomfield.
15. Robert Brill reported that the new membership list will be available in December.
16. A comprehensive report on the Quaker Lane Nursery School has been prepared by Marjorie Baechler. It will be sent on to Mt. Toby Meeting at their request.
17. Friendly items covered:
- a. The Meeting picnic held at the Butterworths on June 14th was attended by 126 happy participants.
 - b. Arthur and Emily McDonell Rinden visited us in August.
 - c. A dozen Friends visited Sylvia Gardiner in Falmouth and found her happily settled in her new home.
 - d. Joan Wattles has again volunteered to plan a Halloween Party for the Meeting family.

- e. We had the pleasure of meeting one of our newest members - Christie Bailey (five months) - who slumbered peacefully throughout the meeting.

18. After a closing period of worship the Meeting adjourned, purposing to meet again on October 8th.

Thirty persons attended.

Ellen Paullin
Ellen Paullin, Clerk

Elsa N. Cullen
Elsa N. Cullen, Recording Clerk

October 8, 1970

1. The Meeting began with quiet worship and the reading of a passage on "Leisureliness" from Faith and Practice of New England Yearly Meeting.
2. The Clerk greeted newcomers - Lydia and Bill Slivinski, Charles and Maria Allen, and also Talmadge and Edith Neece (who are back after a five-year absence).
3. Archie Meshenuk reported Ministry and Counsel soon will hold Friendly gatherings in their homes for all active Meeting members and attenders in the area.
4. Archie Meshenuk, speaking for the Yearly Meeting China Camp Committee, put before the Meeting a request for a loan of \$9500 to purchase a parcel of land adjacent to China Camp. This purchase would protect the natural wildness of the Camp. The Meeting approved a loan, but left the decision to the Finance Committee as to the amount we can lend.
5. Anne-Marie Miller, chairman, gave the report for the First Day School Committee.
 - a. The following suggested minute, drafted by the First Day School Committee was presented:

Young people who have entered high school have indicated that they no longer wish to participate in First Day School. The First Day School Committee agrees with their decision. We recommend that they be encouraged to attend Meeting for Worship, or that they volunteer to assist in First Day School projects. A program for this age group is being planned by the Young Friends Committee.
 - b. Raleigh Bailey will lead the program for this group. Their project will be to get out a newspaper.
 - c. Pat Bailey reported for Young People's Committee that she and Raleigh will continue working with those near college age.
 - d. Grace Fogg, our liaison representative to the Nursery School, explained that mischievous damage done to playground equipment would be dealt with by our Management Committee and our Nursery School Committee.

- e. The possibility of changing the hour of First Day School from 10 A.M. to 11 A.M. will again be explored. Ministry and Counsel will take it under advisement.
 - f. Bibles will be presented by Ministry and Counsel to those children who are eligible.
 - g. A review of the present curriculum and a preview of next semester's curriculum was presented by Anne-Marie Miller.
6. Friends were reminded that Quarterly Meeting will be held on October 17 and 18 at Mount Toby Meeting in Leverett, Massachusetts. Representing us will be Betty and Nat Hathaway and Marjorie and Henry Baechler.
7. Henry Baechler reported for Management Committee:
- a. Ruth Lilienthal will arrange for the maintenance of her own property.
 - b. Henry Baechler will get further estimates on repairs to Hunter House. The monthly rental on this property was raised from \$115 to \$125.
 - c. Bob Kearney, our custodian, has submitted his resignation effective December 31, 1970. Our appreciation for his 17 years of loving care for our Meeting House cannot be measured. The Clerk will express this to Bob in writing.
 - d. The alternate telephone number for Quaker Meeting listed in the yellow pages will be that of Raleigh Bailey.
8. Connie Way has had prepared attractive green notepaper with an etching of our Meeting House. It is available at a cost of \$1.00 for a packet of ten.
9. Miscellaneous:
- a. Friends were reminded of AFSC dinner for Russell Johnson on October 13.
 - b. Friends were urged to sit on facing benches during Meeting.
 - c. A letter from Virginia Costales was shared telling of her public health work for Apache Indians in New Mexico.
 - d. Donald Swann, composer of the "George Fox Song," and Sydney Carter, both well-known British Friends, will give a lecture-recital at Christ Church Cathedral, Hartford, on November 8 at 8:15.
 - e. A greeting from Mary Alice McCracken from Madrid was enjoyed.
 - f. Marty Ritter has left Prague and is now in England.
 - g. Mary Jane and Jim Carpenter, having visited Switzerland, Austria, and Yugoslavia are now en route to London.
 - h. Mary Cheney drove to Seattle where she will be studying art.

10. The Meeting closed with the Clerk reading an amusing commentary on Quaker weddings followed by a brief period of silence.
11. Thirty-two people were present.

Ellen Paullin

Ellen Paullin, Clerk

Elsa N. Cullen

Elsa N. Cullen, Recording Clerk

November 12, 1970

1. The Meeting opened with a period of silence after which the Clerk referred to the enthusiasm of the children at the First Day School program last Sunday. The Clerk then read a passage by Rufus Jones on the importance of religion in his home when he was a child.
2. The Clerk read the travelling minute brought back by Ralph Williams with greetings from members of more than ten Quaker meetings he visited in Africa, as well as one in New Delhi, India.
3. A certificate of transfer for Irven and Muriel Roberts from Radnor Monthly Meeting in Pennsylvania to Hartford Monthly Meeting has been received. Connie Way and Frank Hohmeister will visit and welcome them to our Meeting.
4. The report of Ministry and Counsel was given by Thomas Bodine in place of Archie Meshunuk:
 - a. A letter from Art and Kiki Wolf announcing their separation was shared with the Meeting. The Meeting responded by sending a note to Art and Kiki expressing the love of the Meeting for each of them and the hope that each will continue his close association with the Meeting.
 - b. The first in the series of "neighborhood" meetings was held on November 1st at the home of Bill and Clo Brayfield, hosted by Ellen and Ted Paullin. All meetings of this series will be held during November. Any member or attender who inadvertently has not received an invitation to a meeting should bring this to the attention of Ministry and Counsel.
 - c. Pat and Raleigh Bailey hosted a group of younger Friends at their home for a Chinese dinner and an evening of video tape recording.
 - d. Paul Cleaver has expressed his gratitude for the cards and notes received from members of the Meeting addressed to Hannah, who is now in the Windsor Convalescent Home.
5. Florence Carpenter gave the report for Peace and Social Concerns:
 - a. The Committee expressed the need for "court watching" in police circuit and Federal courts to see that justice is done.
 - b. Friends were reminded that the war in Indochina continues and is, unfortunately, far from over. Women, especially, were urged to observe Tuesday as "Peace Day" by abstaining from shopping on that day--a program of Women's International League for Peace and Freedom.

6. Libby Butterworth read a letter from Petrona Jones concerning the sale of Christmas fruit cakes.
7. Henry Baechler gave the Treasurer's report. To date, of the 146 families in Meeting, 70 have contributed \$9,300. We anticipate \$16,000 in individual contributions. Letters of reminder will be sent.
8. The report from Virginia Hicks of the Library Committee was read by the Clerk. The Committee has decided to use the \$140 from the Edith Clapp Fund to: (1) replace lost valuable Quaker books, (2) purchase new Quaker books, (3) improve the library, (4) get book plates inscribed "Edith Clapp Fund."
9. Henry Baechler reported for the Management Committee.
 - a. The Committee is awaiting further estimates on the repair of the roof on the Hunters' house. The Clerk urged that this matter be attended to as quickly as possible.
 - b. This Committee was asked to look into the question of buying more tables for fellowship luncheon.
10. The Clerk reported on the "New Careers" program sponsored by the Community Renewal Team in Greater Hartford. The use of the Meetinghouse has been asked for the academic part of the program, which will be run by Manchester Community College, Monday through Thursday at 1 to 5 PM, mid-January through mid-May. The "New Careers" program would pay \$500 for the extra expense of maintenance.
11. The rearrangement of the benches in Meeting was discussed and approved in order to avoid over-crowding at the back of the Meeting Room.
12. Marjorie Baechler and Ralph E. Williams reported on Quarterly Meeting at Mount Toby.
13. Tom Bodine reported that Friends United Meeting is re-organizing itself under one executive board. He also reported that a conference of Evangelical Friends was held in St. Louis in October at which statements of beliefs of the three Quaker bodies (Evangelical Friends, Friends United Meeting, and Friends General Conference) were presented.
14. Ted Paullin reported for AFSC and explained that this organization is re-assessing its role and its relationship to the Society of Friends.
15. Brad Noel presented the schedule of future programs for Adult Discussion:
 - Nov. 14 - Bill Brayfield in "How to Get Involved in Race Relations."
 - Nov. 22 - Roots, Inc., a youth self-help organization.
 - Nov. 29 - Hymn sing
 - Dec. 6 - Encounter and the Spiritual Journey - Frederick Lord
 - Dec. 13 - Alfred Baker Lewis on the NAACP
 - Dec. 20 - First Day School Program
16. The need for more food for fellowship luncheon was expressed. A repeat of a certain well-known miracle failed to occur last Fellowship Sunday.
17. Bob Brill is getting out a new mailing list and asked that address changes, particularly of young people, be sent to him.

18. Personals: Daphne Brown is in Winsted Memorial Hospital.
Austin Wattles will distribute copies of the Quaker calendars put out by Quaker Tract Association.
A letter was read from Virginia Costales describing her work in the clinic in Park View, New Mexico.
19. The Clerk closed the Meeting by reading a passage selected by Art Wolf on the meaning of love.
20. Twenty-two persons attended the meeting.

Ellen Paullin
Ellen Paullin, Clerk

Elsa N. Cullen
Elsa N. Cullen, Recording Clerk

December 10, 1970

1. The Meeting began with quiet worship and the Clerk read the Christmas story as told in the book God's Brain Wave by Sir Bernard Miles.
2. The Clerk welcomed Nancy Warrington, a student at Earlham College.
3. The report of Ministry and Counsel was given by Archie Meshunuk.
 - a. A certificate of removal from Cambridge Monthly Meeting for Raleigh and Patricia Bailey was presented by Ministry and Counsel to the Meeting. The Meeting approved. Mary Jane Carpenter and Bob Brill will welcome the Baileys.
 - b. Edith Neece is in Mt. Ranier, Maryland, where both her brother and father are ill.
4. The Treasurer's report was given by Tom Bodine, head of the Finance Committee. Our anticipated budget for 1970 is \$16,000. To date we have received \$13,796. We need \$2,204 to complete our budget by the end of December.
5. The report of Management Committee was given by Jim Carpenter.
 - a. As Bob Kearney cannot carry on as our custodian, three applicants for the job are being considered.
 - b. The repairs on the roof of the Hunter's house have been completed and paid for.
 - c. For insurance renewal, the value of our Meeting House has been increased from \$85,000 to \$110,000. The Meeting approved of this increase in insurance payment. The appraisal value of our Meeting House is currently \$135,000.
6. The new seating arrangement for Meeting for Worship was approved.
7. The report of Peace and Social Concerns was given by Florence Carpenter. A welfare meal will be prepared for fellowship luncheon by WRAP (Welfare Re-

cipients are People) on January 10. Contributions will be welcomed.

8. The Clerk read a letter covering details of agreement with New Careers Program run by Manchester Community College. Suggestions made by the Meeting were incorporated in the letter.
9. The report of the Use Committee was given by Gerda Conant.
 - a. The use of the Meeting House by groups on a regular basis was discussed. The Meeting thought it best to continue our policy of allowing regular meetings with a year's limitation.
 - b. Hartford Free School has requested the use of our building for the showing of underground films. The matter was discussed and the conditions for use of our building were reviewed.
10. Middletown Friends requested that notice of our Meeting for Worship be published in the Saturday newspaper along with that of other churches. As in the past, the Meeting decided not to do this because of the cost involved.
11. A letter from Hingham Home (for the elderly) requesting help with drapes for the Bailey Library was referred to our Clothing Relief Committee.
12. A letter from Marion Jessel telling of activities in the Allowed Meeting of Watertown was read. This will be filed in our archives.
13. The schedule for Adult Education for December was presented.
14. Plans for Quarterly Meeting to be held on February 6 and 7 were discussed.
15. Changing the time of First Day School from 10 AM to 11 AM was discussed. Details of this matter were left to First Day School Committee. Supervision of children during Meeting for Worship was requested.
16. Tom Bodine, President of Catholic Family Services, requested use of the Meeting House for an all-day conference to be held on February 27. The Meeting approved.
17. Art Wolf expressed appreciation for the letter sent by the Meeting to Kiki and him.
18. The World Affairs Center thanked Quakers for helping with hospitality on December 4th.

The Clerk closed the Meeting with the reading of "I Had No Time to Hate" by Emily Dickinson and a brief period of silence. Twenty members were present.

Ellen Paullin
Ellen Paullin, Clerk

Elsa N. Cullen
Elsa N. Cullen, Recording Clerk

January 14, 1971

1. The Meeting opened with a period of silence during which the Clerk read from the New England Faith and Practice on "Meeting for Business."
2. New address lists are available. Members were grateful to Bob Brill and to Carol and Bud Howard and Frances Decou for this monumental task. The Clerk will write a note of thanks to the Howards and Frances DeCou.
3. Henry Baechler gave the report of the Treasurer. Of the anticipated budget of \$16,000, the amount of \$15,710 was received for 1970-71. Total expenditures are not yet in, but they are not expected to exceed income.
4. The Clerk reported on Quarterly Meeting to be held in Hartford on February 6 and 7. First Day School will present a play on the early life of William Penn. John Strong, grand-nephew of Anna Louise Strong, will speak on his recent visit to China.
5. Alice Cheney asked Friends who could provide hospitality for visiting Friends to please volunteer. It was suggested name tags be provided for all on February 7th.
6. Florence Carpenter gave the report of Peace and Social Concerns:
 - a. A workshop in non-violence will be held in Hanover, New Hampshire, on January 22 - 24.
 - b. A report was given on last Sunday's welfare meal and report by members of WRAP - Welfare Recipients are People. Friends were urged to write their legislators to encourage support of welfare legislation. It was also suggested that a survey be made to determine who are the people on welfare--the percentage that are aged, ill, unable to work, etc., especially in light of the comments made by the city councilmen on their recent transfer of funds to the welfare budget.
 - c. Ellen Paullin read excerpts of Russell Johnson's report on Vietnam and the increased escalation of the war. It was suggested that Friends write to the President and Congress.
7. Archie Meshunuk gave the report of Ministry and Counsel.
 - a. Virginia Hedges is home from the hospital.
 - b. Bob Kearney is back at work after a snow blower accident.
 - c. Les Buckland had a serious accident with a snowblower also.
 - d. The Raleigh Baileys have requested that their daughter, Kristina, be recorded as a Junior Member. The Meeting approved.
8. Jim Carpenter reported on the Management Committee.
 - a. Thomas W. McKenna has been employed to replace Bob Kearney as our custodian. The Meeting noted with deep appreciation the long years of devoted service which Bob Kearney and his wife Viola have given to our Meeting. Thomas McKenna can be reached at home (25 Gunhill Road, New Britain) at 223-5042, and at work (Clark Street Fire Department) at 246-9323.

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- b. New Careers classes begin next Monday at the Meeting House.
- c. Insurance protection on the Meeting House has been increased to \$110,000 to comply with the replacement cost requirements, based on the reappraisal by our builder who placed the current replacement value at \$135,000. In addition, the renewal policy includes a vandalism deductible of \$2,200, which emphasizes the resulting responsibility for each member to be even more careful about leaving the Meeting House locked and secure.
9. The Clothing Committee report was given by Connie Way. It did not seem feasible at present to provide draperies for the New England Home.
10. Tom Brown reported that the New England Home in Hingham is presently having difficulties since the director, chairman, and treasurer have recently resigned.
11. Ralph Williams reported on the approaching marriage of Jeremiah Ndalo, a Friends' Minister in Kenya. As traditional in his tribe, he must pay a substantial dowry to his wife's family. His home recently burned and he is concerned about meeting his obligation. Hartford Friends expressed their concern for Jeremiah and approved a contribution of \$100. The treasurer was authorized to accept contributions from individual members to augment the Meeting's gift.
12. A letter from Virginia Costales was read. The budget committee was urged to consider some financial aid for Virginia's program in preparing next year's budget.
13. Fritz Semmler is leading a discussion of the Confessions of St. Augustine each Wednesday evening at 7:30 at the Meeting House. All Friends are welcome.
14. The Meeting closed with a period of silence.
15. Twenty-nine members were in attendance.

Ellen Paullin
 Ellen Paullin, Clerk

Brad Noel
 Brad Noel, Acting Recording Clerk

February 11, 1971

1. Marjorie Baechler, Acting Clerk, opened the Meeting with silent worship and the reading of a letter from Kaimosi written on behalf of Jeremiah Ndalo. It was an expression of deep gratitude for the gift sent him by the Meeting.
2. Friends rejoiced at the birth of Kayden Marcia Will on February 4th, daughter of Philip S. and Karen Paullin Will and grand-daughter of Ellen and Ted Paullin.
3. Hannah Yarnall Cleaver, for many years a devoted member of this Meeting, died on February 6. A memorial service will be held on February 13 at 2 PM.

4. The Acting Clerk read a letter from Virginia Costales giving a comprehensive report of her experiences in New Mexico.
5. A written report on Quarterly Meeting held on February 6 and 7 was submitted by Alice Cheney.
6. The First Day School report was given by Gerda Conant:
 - a. Mary Jane Carpenter and Thomas Bodine were warmly commended for the excellence of the play on William Penn presented at Quarterly Meeting by members of First Day School. It was recommended that it be filmed.
 - b. Plans for next semester will include classes in:
 - Cooking from other lands - Ruth Lilienthal and Edith Neece
 - Folk dancing - Cynthia Green
 - Folk tales - Cynthia Reik
 - Pre-schoolers - Lydia Slivinski and Sue Free
 - A gymnastic class will be held from 11 to 12.
7. The report of Ministry and Counsel was given by Archie Meshunuk:
 - a. William and Lydia Slivinski were recommended for membership in our Meeting. The Meeting approved. Gerda Conant and Arthur Wolf will call on them.
 - b. Friends are encouraged to hold spontaneous pot-luck luncheons on any Sunday following Adult Discussion.
 - c. A suggestion has been received from First Day School requesting that the second Sunday of each month be designated as Family Sunday. All children (except toddlers) will be invited to a shortened Meeting for Worship followed by a family-type activity in lieu of adult education and an early fellowship luncheon. This plan would replace the fifteen-minute sharing of Meeting which the children now follow. When this plan will be initiated has not yet been decided.
 - d. Fellowship luncheon on March 14th will honor Robert and Viola Kearney.
8. The report of the Management Committee was given by James Carpenter.
 - a. Mr. Little, our neighbor to the south of the Meeting House has a vacant apartment which he would like to rent to someone associated with the Meeting.
 - b. The matter of securing first refusal options on the Little property and the five pieces of property north of the Meeting House was discussed. The legal costs involved might total \$200. Our long-range objective in possibly procuring these pieces of property would be housing for the elderly under Quaker auspices.
 - c. After a rather unfortunate incident last Sunday in which Marion Cushman was slightly burned, it is recommended that the present gas stove be replaced by an electric one for the sake of safety. The following verse by Marjorie Baechler was sent with an appropriate gift to Marion Cushman:

"When the gas in the Meeting House oven went POW
 No one was 'holier than thou'
 We'd rather replace your hose that were in ruins
 Than Hospitality Chairman--it's hard to get new ones.
 For Valor Under Fire. . . In the Line of Duty."

- d. Suggestions made by the Fire Marshall as a result of our building being used by the New Careers program have been complied with.
 - e. The steps and door of entryway to new wing will be repaired.
 - f. It is recommended that 50 chairs and 6 tables be purchased. Also, cushions for the side benches have been ordered.
 - g. Since the New Careers program has considerably increased the custodial work of Tom McKenna, more money will have to be budgeted for this purpose.
 - h. Bi-lingual signs (Spanish - English) requesting care of our Meeting House will be provided by Donald Warrington.
9. Thomas Bodine, head of the Finance Committee, presented and explained the proposed budget for 1971.
- a. The Student Aid Fund, maintained for many years by individual contributions and Meeting Funds, was used to support Habil Wejuli during his education at Trinity College and subsequent graduate school. Expenses for Habil ran so high that the Fund ran a deficit for several years. In 1970 several generous contributions paid off the deficit. Now the Fund is being used to support Bernard Lungaho, son of Thomas Lungaho, Executive Secretary of East Africa Yearly Meeting. Bernard is living at the home of Ralph Williams while he does his graduate study at Trinity College. The Meeting approved the use of the Student Aid Fund to help Bernard Lungaho with his graduate study and urges Friends to make special contributions to the Fund through the Meeting's treasurer.
 - b. To replace items previously in our budget for non-Quaker programs, a new item known as "Concerns Supported by Meeting Members" has been added. Allocations from this account are to be made by Monthly Meeting as concerns arise.
 - c. The Meeting approved the 1971 budget totalling \$21,005. Copies will be mailed to all families.
10. Adult Education Committee reported that Herbert Huffman, Executive Secretary of Wider Ministries and Harold Smuck, Executive Secretary of Christian Social Concerns of Friends United Meeting, Richmond, Indiana, will be with us on February 14th to acquaint us with the ongoing United Meeting programs.
11. Report of AFSC was given by Gerda Conant:
- a. The Meeting was asked to take over the responsibility of counseling C.O's.
 - b. Volunteers for helping with office work on a regular basis are needed.
 - c. Friends were reminded that the lettuce boycott workers need help and support.

- d. Friends were urged to support the bill now in the State Legislature which will ban the sale of lead-based paint in any area accessible to children.
12. Personal item: Frances Zane has been in the hospital for a brief time and is now home again.
13. The meeting ended with silence, purposing to meet again on March 11th.
14. Eighteen members were present.

Marjorie F. Baechler
Marjorie Baechler, Acting Clerk

Elsa N. Cullen
Elsa N. Cullen, Recording Clerk

March 11, 1971

1. The meeting was gathered in silence. A brief prayer was offered. The Clerk read a passage on "Courtesy" from London Yearly Meeting Faith and Practice.
2. Ministry and Counsel report was given by Archie Meshunuk.
- a. It was recommended that Beth Carpenter's status be changed from junior to full membership. The Meeting joyously approved. Libby Butterworth and Connie Way will welcome her into Meeting.
- b. Great appreciation and commendation was expressed for the State of Society Report given by Marjorie Baechler. This report also included a description of each committee of the Meeting. The report of Watertown Allowed Meeting was presented as an addendum to the above report. It was recommended that this splendid report be incorporated in the permanent minutes.
- c. Arthur Wolf reported on welcoming William and Lydia Slivinski into Meeting.
- d. Personal items:
- Kevin Towle, a member of Monadnock Monthly Meeting who attended Quarterly Meeting here in February, has been sentenced to two years in prison for refusing to register for the draft.
- Francis Helfrick, who has had surgery, is progressing well. He has asked to be relieved of his duties as chairman of the Nominating Committee. Connie Way volunteered to fill his place.
- Carl and Daphne Brown are feeling better. So is Virginia Hedges and Frances Zane.

Edith Neece's father died on March 11.

3. Announcements:

- a. The Good Friday Vigil will be held in Boston on April 9. Henry Baechler will serve as overseer from our Meeting.
- b. Hingham Home has sent a letter of inquiry which has been referred to Thomas Brown.
- c. A request has been received for the use of the Meeting House for a workshop on non-violence to be held on the weekends of April 2,3,4 and 16, 17, 18 by students of Middlesex Community College and Wesleyan College. The Meeting approved, providing satisfactory arrangements can be made with Gerda Conant, Use Chairman.
- d. An Emergency Convocation on Ending the Draft will be held on March 17 in Washington, D.C.

4. Peace and Social Concerns report was given by Florence Carpenter.

- a. A workshop on non-violence will be held here on March 26, 27. It will be led by David Martin of Dover Meeting, New Hampshire and Cynthia Green will be in charge from our Peace and Social Concerns Committee.
- b. It is hoped that we will be represented at the Quaker Leadership Seminar to be held in Washington, D.C. on April 26 - 30.
- c. A letter drafted by Margaret Morrison describing the four-year-old weekly Peace Vigil and expressing deep concern about the war in Indo-China was endorsed by the Meeting. It will be sent to all the local papers. Peace and Social Concerns will see that it is distributed to our representatives in Washington D.C.

5. Adult Education report was given by Brad Noel.

- a. Subject for discussion for March 14, 21, and 28 will be the Queries.
- b. Subject for April 4 will be Welfare led by Lawrence Marostica, Chief of Social Services, Connecticut Department of Welfare.
- c. Friends were reminded of the luncheon on March 14 in honor of Robert and Viola Kearney.
First Day School will provide luncheon on Easter Sunday. At this time the new program for Family Sunday will be initiated.

6. Management Committee report was given by James Carpenter.

- a. The problem of the kitchen stove was discussed. A committee composed of Lydia Slivinski, Connie Way, and Marion Cushman will take care of this matter.
- b. Connie Way will visit while New Careers program is in session to check on care of property.

7. The Clerk read letters of appreciation from Bernard Lungaho and Jack Akenga for help from our Student Aid Fund.

8. An Art and Worship program will be held on March 27 at 10 A.M. at Beacon Hill Friends House in Boston. It is hoped that Lydia Slivinski, Dorothea Kelsey, and Dorothy Meshunuk will attend.
9. Meeting was adjourned with a brief silence, purposing to meet on April 8. Thirty-one members attended.

Ellen Paullin
Ellen Paullin, Clerk

Elsa Cullen
Elsa Cullen, Recording Clerk

April 13, 1971

1. The Meeting opened with meditation. A message on Maunday Thursday was given. The Clerk read a passage on the story of the Last Supper from Thomas Jefferson's Bible.
2. The Clerk welcomed Jerry Dunne and Ovis Armstrong. All of us extended a very special welcome to Kayden Marcia Will--our youngest attender who is nine weeks old today. Karen Paullin Will thanked the Meeting for the gift of Small Rain given to Kayden, and requested that all present sign the book.
3. The Clerk read a memorial minute on Hannah Yarnall Cleaver:

Hannah Yarnall Cleaver came from a line of Quaker ancestors which was broken when her grandfather, an admiral in the United States Navy, withdrew from the Society of Friends. Death came to her on February 6, 1971, after a long illness.

She was born in Swarthmore, Pennsylvania, June 30, 1893, grew up to become a member of the Meeting there and a teacher in its First Day School. She and H. Paul Cleaver were married on November 29, 1918 and continued in the Meeting there until Paul became an officer of the Fuller Brush Company of Hartford in 1941 when they set up their home in West Hartford and at once joined the Hartford Meeting of Friends.

Hannah and Paul were active and concerned members from that time, being among our most faithful attenders. Hannah has taken special interest in providing hospitality when it was required at the Meeting House and in calls on the ill. Her kindness, her gentle frankness, her warm spirit, and her keen sense of humor contributed much to our Meeting family.

A memorial plaque for Hannah will be placed on the Meeting grounds. Paul Cleaver recommended the possibility of building a wall (along the south side of our property) in which stainless steel memorial plaques can be inserted.

4. The following minute drafted by Paul Cleaver explains the gift of a \$10,000 revolving scholarship fund in memory of Hannah Cleaver. Contributions of \$397 have been received to date by the Treasurer from Hannah's Meeting and other friends.

For several years before Hannah's illness we talked about what we might do to help our younger generation. We felt man is two persons in one body. First the physical person and then the spiritual that lives within the physical body.

We Friends make much of the spiritual as it ties us to God our Creator. Our belief that there is that of God in every man and that the spiritual part of us can help us with our daily problems becomes very important. The growth of our Meeting proves that people are interested in how to improve their spiritual body. They study the Bible and the teachings of our founder, George Fox, in order to improve their spiritual body. We asked ourselves, what are we doing to improve our physical body that is the home of the spirit. We need better doctors, lawyers, scientists, better teachers and business men, et al. Why don't we stress the need to get more of our convinced Friends educated to take a more active part in careers that improve our physical world.

It is because of these observations that I ask the Meeting to set up a Revolving Scholarship Fund to help qualified Friends to get an education in the physical world and to help carry over some of the spiritual life into every-day living.

George Ritter will prepare the proper documents for administering the scholarship and establishment of the Trust Fund to which I will give \$10,000 in the name of my beloved wife, Hannah Y. Cleaver.

5. Kiki Wolf reported for the Board of Clifford House. She introduced Jerry Dunne and Ovis Armstrong, now leaders at Clifford House. They brought us up to date on what is going on there, and gave us an interesting explanation of how successfully "guided group interaction" is being used with the boys. We are invited to visit Clifford House, but are asked to call first - 527-0026. Relevant books and records are welcome.
6. The Committee of Eighty (AFSC) report was given by Ted Paullin.
7. Ministry and Counsel report was given by Archie Meshunuk.
 - a. Mary Forman was recommended for membership. The Meeting warmly approved. Mary Jane Carpenter and Elsa Cullen will welcome her into Meeting.
 - b. Ernest and Catherine Brown and children have requested a transfer of membership to Rochester (New York) Monthly Meeting. The Meeting approved.
 - c. Frances Zane is still ill and Friends are encouraged to help by bringing food.
 - d. Beth Carpenter was warmly welcomed as our newest member. Libby Butterworth told about Connie Way's and her visit of welcome with Beth.
8. Adult Discussion report was given by Don Noel.
 - a. A proposal was made for alternate programs on different subjects to run simultaneously. After some discussion it was thought best to continue our present format.
 - b. Program for Adult Discussion:
 April 18 - Miriam Butterworth on AFSC Peace Delegation to Paris.

- April 25 - Sylvia Perry of the Committee on Friends Responsibilities for Victims of Prejudice and Poverty, appointed pursuant to Minute 60 at last Yearly Meeting.
- May 2 - A picnic outing on interest lines, such as bird-watching, photography, book discussion, etc.
- May 9 - Family Sunday and Fellowship lunch.
- May 16 - First of a series on how the Meeting functions.

- c. Connie Way recommended that Yearly Meeting experiences be shared in order to encourage more people to attend.
- d. Easter Sunday there will be family worship followed by a First Day School "happening" and an international luncheon produced by FDS.

9. Nominating Committee report was given by Mary Jane Carpenter. The Committee was thanked for this splendid job. See copy following these minutes.

10. Peace and Social Concerns:

- a. Cynthia Green told about the workshop on non-violence held here on March 26-28. It was led by David Martin of Dover, New Hampshire Meeting and approximately 30 attended. Beth Carpenter commented that the need for openness between people was most important in non-violence.
- b. Florence Carpenter spoke of the Quaker witness for peace which will be expressed in a concerted effort to stop the war in Indo-China through many protest activities scheduled during the next two weeks.

11. Recorder's report for 1971 was given by Ted Paullin. Presently we have 261 members - 162 adults and 99 juniors - a gain of eight.

12. Nursery School report was given by Grace Fogg.

- a. Difficulties arising from having New Careers program and Nursery School sharing our Meeting House were discussed and resolved.
- b. Nursery School scholarship from Meeting will be awarded to Priscilla Paulin.

13. Management Committee report was given by Jim Carpenter.

Tom McKenna has left our employ. Steve Fernino will be our new custodian with Bob Kearney continuing his concerned surveillance of our Meeting House.

Lydia Slivinski and Connie Way gave a preliminary report on the stove situation. This Committee and Management will give further consideration to this matter.

14. Notes of appreciation were read from Francis Helfrick, Robert and Viola Kearney; also from Mary Collins of the Catholic Family Services who used our Meeting House recently; and Minute 74 Committee.

15. Announcements:

- a. April 24 - March on Washington with buses leaving from West Hartford Center at 1 A.M.

- b. April 25 - Philadelphia Yearly Meeting will sponsor a candlelight vigil in front of the White House.

- 16. A letter from Virginia Costales was shared and enjoyed.
- 17. Meeting adjourned with brief silence, purposing to meet again on May 13.
- 18. Thirty-five were present.

Ellen Paullin
Ellen Paullin, Clerk

Elsa Cullen
Elsa Cullen, Recording Clerk

May 13, 1971

- 1. The Meeting began with quiet worship. The Clerk read a selection on peace from the writings of George Fox.
- 2. The Clerk welcomed Pam Paulson, Sue Free, Barbara and Bill Taylor and Susie Moore. It was good to have Ethel and George Halford back with us after their winter in Florida.
- 3. Ministry and Counsel report was given by Archie Meshunuk.
 - a. A request has been received from Bernard Lungaho and Mary Schendel to be married under the care of the Meeting. Discussion ensued about communicating with Bernard Lungaho's Monthly Meeting in East Africa. The Meeting appointed Thomas Bodine, Archie Meshunuk, Katharine Locke and Alice Cheney as Committee on Clearness.
 - b. Robert and Dorothy Parsons have requested transfer of their membership to Campus Monthly Meeting of Wilmington, Ohio. The Meeting approved.
 - c. Jane Cheney's father, Charles Burger, died on May 5.
- 4. Treasurer's report was given by Marjorie Baechler. We have 101 contributors. To date 46 families have pledged to contribute \$8042 of our total proposed budget of \$21,005.
- 5. Warm thanks to Mary Jane Carpenter for the completed report of the Nominating Committee which follows these minutes. A copy will be sent out with the May Bulletin.
 - a. Appointments made included:
 - Yearly Meeting Finance Committee - Charles Allen, Thomas Bodine
 - Yearly Meeting Nominating Committee - Robert Brill
 - The new post of Yearly Meeting Committee on Ministry and Counsel will be filled by the Nominating Committee.
 - b. Connie Way will take care of requests for the Equalization Fund.
- 6. Raleigh Bailey explained the need for funds for the Committee for Releasing

Young Friends (from regular duties for special projects). The Meeting ap-
proved of contributing \$200 for this.

7. Pam Paulson and Sue Free are bicycling from Connecticut to California this summer. The Clerk will prepare a traveling minute for them as they intend to visit meetings as they cross the country.
8. Alice Cheney announced that her daughter, Alice, will marry Ernest Quimby on June 6 in the Dutch Reform Church in New York City.
9. The schedule for Adult Education is as follows:
 - May 16 - Explanation of the organization of the local meeting
 - May 23 - Wider Quaker organizations
 - May 30 - Hike
 - June 6 - Committee Meeting Day
10. Marjorie Baechler reported on Quarterly Meeting.
11. A report on the protest March to Washington held on April 24 was given by Sylvia Helfrick.
12. Ellen Paullin reported on the Good Friday Peace Vigil held on Boston Commons.
13. Lydia Slivinski gave an enthusiastic report on the Quaker Leadership Conference held in Washington D.C. April 26-30, which she and Bill attended. She warmly thanked the Meeting for giving them this opportunity.
14. The AFSC Committee report was given by Bob Brill.
15. Thomas Brown reported as our delegate to Greater Hartford Council of Churches.
16. Management Committee report:
 - a. Lydia Slivinski and Connie Way outlined the alternatives for repairing our old stove or replacing it with a new electric one. At our June meeting we hope to resolve this problem.
 - b. The problem of unauthorized people having access to our Meeting House was discussed. Robert Brill and Ted Paullin will speak to AFSC about this.
17. Archie Meshunuk reported on Minute 60 of Yearly Meeting 1970. This group is seeking funds to help victims of prejudice and poverty. The spirit of the Minute is for individual contributions to be made over a five-year period. The letter explaining this concern and Minute 60 will be published in the Bulletin.
18. A letter from Virginia Costales was shared and appreciated. The money which First Day School raised will be put to good use in her clinic.
19. Meeting closed with brief worship purposing to meet again on June 10. Forty-one were in attendance.

20. At a special business meeting (held at rise of Meeting for Worship on June 6) we chose as our representatives to Yearly Meeting: Archie Meshunuk, Kiki Wolf, and Helen Brill. Yearly Meeting will be at Taft School, Watertown, Connecticut June 25-30.

Ellen Paullin
Ellen Paullin, Clerk

Elsa Cullen
Elsa Cullen, Recording Clerk

June 10, 1971

1. The Meeting began with worship. The Clerk read a passage from Josephine Benton's Martha and Mary (Pendle Hill Pamphlet #36).
2. The Clerk welcomed Irving and Muriel Roberts, and Bruce Baechler, who gave us a brief report from George School.
3. Ministry and Counsel report was given by Archie Meshunuk.
 - a. Alice Cheney will be Clerk of Ministry and Counsel for the coming year.
 - b. Alice Cheney's daughter, Alice Bunce, was married to Ernest Quimby on June 6 in New York City.
Alice's sister, Sarah Rowley, died on June 8.
4. Florence Carpenter will visit Friends in Europe concentrating on her concern "to experience the unity in Friends' Meetings for Worship and to confer with Friends about a greater effort to create unity in the world." Florence will carry with her a traveling minute prepared by the Clerk and a contribution of \$250 from the Meeting to further her concern abroad.
5. The Clerk read the traveling minute which Pam Paulson and Sue Free will carry to the various meetings they will visit as they cycle across the country.
6. Robert and Dorothy Parsons have been welcomed into Campus Monthly Meeting at Wilmington, Ohio.
7. Karen Wasem, a junior member of Hartford Meeting, has transferred her membership to Deer Creek Meeting, Maryland.
8. The Meeting accepts with regret the resignation of Linnea and Wayne Shaffer.
9. Peace and Social Concerns report was given by Florence Carpenter: Donna Hanselman will be the new chairman. A meeting will be held on June 20 to which young Friends will be invited to give their ideas about concerns to consider next year.
10. Memorial Committee report was given by Katharine Locke.
11. Our representatives to New England Yearly Meeting to be held June 25-30 at Taft School, Watertown, Connecticut, are: Kiki Wolf, Helen Brill, and Archie Meshunuk.

12. The Committee on Clearness for the marriage of Bernard Lungaho and Mary Schendel recommended that the wedding should proceed as requested on August 21 under the care of the Meeting. Katharine Locke and Alice Cheney visited with Mary; Tom Bodine and Archie Meshunuk with Bernard. The Committee on Oversight will be Mary Jane and James Carpenter and Cynthia and James Reik.

At a special meeting held July 25, Agnes and Richard Boulton were chosen to replace Cynthia and James Reik, who will be in Russia August 21.

Our Meeting will write Bernard Lungaho's Meeting in East Africa (after the wedding) giving a full description of how it was held, the happiness of the occasion, and telling of the customs followed in our country and in our Meeting.
13. Tom Bodine reported for the Finance Committee:
 - a. A proposal made by George Halford for setting up a fund through which money could be channeled through the Meeting to someone who is in financial need (but not necessarily a member of our Meeting) was discussed. As the Meeting was not easy about this proposal, this feeling will be conveyed to George Halford by the Finance Committee.
 - b. The Clerk read the Auditor's report prepared by Irven Roberts. Marjorie Baechler was warmly commended for her splendid work as treasurer - the books were in near-perfect order (a five cent discrepancy noted!) Irven was thanked for the auditing.
 - c. Richard Conant, a member of the Board of Directors of Halfway House for Prisoners, presented a request for funds for Halfway House. The Meeting approved contributing \$100.
14. Management report was given by Morris Way:
 - a. Repair of steps at side entrance will be taken care of. The cost of putting a portico over these steps will be explored.
 - b. Lydia Slivinski reported for the Stove Committee. The Meeting approved installing safety pilots on the present burners and ovens at a cost of \$150, rather than electrifying the kitchen at a cost of \$1500 (minimum). Safety regulations for operating the stove will be conspicuously posted.
15. The New Careers Program thanked the Meeting for the use of our facilities and sent a check for \$500 for extra expenses incurred by the Program.
16. The matter of President Nixon's public remarks about his Quaker pacificism was discussed. It was proposed that individual Meeting members write letters to the President paraphrasing the Philadelphia Yearly Meeting letter on this subject. Margaret Morrison will be asked to prepare a letter on this subject for publication in the newspapers in September.
17. Ralph Williams will offer draft counseling in his home during the summer months as the Trinity College Counseling Center has been closed for this period.
18. Previews of summer activities of all those present were enjoyed.
19. The Clerk shared with us Virginia Costales' splendid letter telling of her

many activities in New Mexico. Brad Noel, her children, and Mary Forman will visit Virginia this summer and bring loving wishes from the Meeting and a gift of \$108 (to match gift raised by Young Friends earlier) to help further her important work among the Indians.

Ellen Paullin

Ellen Paullin, Clerk

Elsa Cullen

Elsa Cullen, Recording Clerk

September 9, 1971

1. Gathering after a busy and varied summer for members, the Meeting began with worship in which gratitude for being together again played an important part. The Clerk read passages from Leonard Bernstein's new composition "Mass" and from George Fox.
2. The Clerk welcomed Eleanor Reid and Ruth Fitch. Bob Iosco requested names and addresses of Friends whom he might visit in Europe as he plans to spend next year abroad.
3. The report of Ministry and Counsel was given by Alice Cheney.
 - a. Lynn Scott has returned to Boston after spending time in Germany.
 - b. Austin and Joan Wattles and family have moved to Chatham, New York, where Austin will be Youth Activities Director of Powell House, a center under the care of New York Yearly Meeting.
 - c. William Hanselman is ill.
4. Mary Jane Carpenter reported for Committee on Oversight for the marriage of Bernard Lungaho and Mary Schendel on August 21. The letter drafted by the Committee telling of the wedding eloquently captured the beauty of the occasion. The letter was approved by the Meeting and will be sent to Bernard's Monthly Meeting in Kenya.
5. On October 23 the marriage of Constance Genuves to Richard Olson, under the care of Wellesley Monthly Meeting (Massachusetts) may be held at our Meeting House. The Clerk is authorized to sign the marriage license in such case.
6. Charles Fox has requested that his membership be transferred to Burlington Monthly Meeting in Vermont. The Meeting approved. Charles and Alice Fox will celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary on September 15.
7. The travel minute which Florence Carpenter carried with her through Europe was returned with greetings from Friends in England, Ireland, and Germany. Florence told briefly about her experiences in Europe. We can look forward to a more complete report on October during Adult Discussion.
8. The Clerk read the legal explanation of the Hannah and Paul Cleaver Scholarship Fund. The acceptance of this was laid over until next month.

9. Mary Jane Carpenter told about the coming marriage of their son, James, to Kathleen Morrissey at St. Timothy's Church, West Hartford, on September 11. The Meeting sends warm and loving wishes to the young couple.
10. The Nominating Committee reported:
 - a. Raleigh Bailey will take the place of Austin Wattles on Ministry and Counsel.
 - b. Two ushers are still needed.
11. First Day School plans for the coming year were presented by Ann-Marie Miller:
 - a. Classes will continue to meet at 10 A.M. and the second Sunday of each month will be Family Sunday. A letter telling of new program will be sent to all First Day School attenders.
 - b. September 19 - special opening program
 - c. September 26 to Christmas - the school will be divided into two groups - a Singing Group led by Ellen Paullin and an Art Group led by Dorothy Meshunuk. Co-ordinated care for toddlers will be provided by Ruth Fitch.
 - d. Christmas until Easter - the School will use the rock opera "Jesus Christ Superstar" as a basis for various creative activities.
 - e. Spring term - school will break into small groups to discuss various subjects including myths, African folklore, etc.
 - f. September 12 - in addition to Fellowship luncheon, we will see slides (including wedding pictures) of our Meeting Family gathered during the last twenty years by Ellen Paullin.
12. The Adult Education program was "hinted at" by Fritz Semmler. We will hear more later.
13. Russell Johnson will speak on his recent trip to China on October 19, at 8 P.M. A committee composed of Ellen Paullin, Betty Hathaway, and Elsa Cullen will work on this. Tom Bodine will try to get the Connecticut General auditorium for this purpose.
14. A new chairman for Peace and Social Concerns Committee is needed to replace Donna Hanselman. It is hoped that the Committee will choose a chairman from its membership.
15. Tom Bodine requested volunteers to join him in attending the Columbus Day Dinner given by the Italian-Americans in Hartford.
16. Management Committee report was given by Morris Way and James Carpenter:
 - a. The vacancy of the Hunter house at 151 Maplewood Avenue precipitated a discussion as to what use should be made of it. The Clerk will appoint a committee to explore all the possibilities.
 - b. Once again we are looking for a custodian. We are grateful to young Jim Carpenter for having served as summer custodian.

- c. The steps at side entrance will be repaired.
 - d. The matter of the security of our Meeting House was discussed at length. This responsibility was laid on the Management Committee.
 - e. Pilot lights have been installed in the ovens and burners of the stove, thus eliminating fire hazard.
17. Frances deCou and Laurence and Carol Howard, who have for so many years printed our Bulletin, will no longer be able to do so. We deeply appreciate the great service they have given our Meeting, and the Clerk will convey this in writing. A new agency called Appel will handle the September Bulletin on a trial basis.
18. Communications from many Friends received during the summer were shared. Once again we enjoyed several precious letters from Virginia Costales.
19. The Meeting ended with brief silence, purposing to meet again on October 14.
20. Thirty-one members were present.

Ellen Paullin
Ellen Paullin, Clerk

Elsa Cullen
Elsa Cullen, Recording Clerk

October 14, 1971

1. The Meeting opened with a period of worship during which the Clerk read the Query on the Meeting, Worship and the Ministry, adopted by the Hartford Meeting in 1942.
2. The Ministry and Counsel report was given by Alice Cheney, recommending that Betty Hathaway be received into membership and that Amy Hathaway be recorded as a junior member. Friends warmly approved and Robert Brill and Lydia Slivinski will welcome them into membership.

A Ministry and Counsel experiment in Quaker Dialogues, based on the Claremont, California, experience in "Creative Listening," starts October 17 and will be held for six consecutive weeks for members of Ministry and Counsel.

A note was read from Mary Lungaho expressing hers and Bernard's gratitude to the Meeting for the oversight of their marriage.

The Friends Journal is being sent to all members of the Meeting who are Freshmen in college. New members receive either a subscription to the Journal or a copy of Faith and Practice.

A pamphlet on the Meaning of Membership in the Society of Friends, written some years ago by Mary Jane Carpenter and Moses Bailey, is being reissued and used.

3. The October 23 marriage of Constance Genuves to Richard Olson will be held at Wellesley Meeting rather than in Hartford.

4. The Hannah and Paul Cleaver Scholarship Fund totals \$5,936. Chris Prendergast, son of Petrona Jones and a freshman at the University of Connecticut, received the first scholarship.

The Meeting approved the legal document establishing the Hannah and Paul Cleaver Fund as printed in the September Meeting Bulletin.

5. Quarterly Meeting will be held at Mt. Toby Meeting October 16-17. Appointed representatives are Tom Bodine and Robert Brill for October 16 and Tom Brown and Betty Hathaway for October 17.
6. The Treasurer's report was read by Marjorie Baechler, noting that we need \$10,856 before December 31 to meet our budget of \$1900.
7. The Management Committee report was given by Morris Way. The steps at the side entrance have been repaired. Samuel Jones, husband of Petrona Jones, is our new custodian.
8. The report of the Meeting's Maplewood Street properties was given by James Carpenter, chairman of the committee. The recommendations are:
 - a. That the two Maplewood Street properties be merged into a single religious property held by the Meeting;
 - b. That the house at 151 Maplewood be used as a Meeting Center for religious purposes;
 - c. That Bill and Lydia Slivinski be invited to live there at a rental of \$125 a month in order to carry out a program of Friendly hospitality and outreach, to make some physical improvements to the building, and to provide some oversight of the Meeting House, with use of the property to be reviewed in June 1972.

Friends approved these recommendations and asked that the committee continue until the project is well underway. Friends further approved that Raleigh and Pat Bailey constitute a liason committee to help the Slivinskis in this new venture. Elsa Cullen was named as a consultant. Meeting funds will be available for necessary equipment and hospitality.

9. The Meeting approved a formal request to George Ritter to prepare as quickly as possible a quit claim deed of the Maplewood properties from the Trustees to the Meeting.
10. The Meeting approved a formal application to appropriate authorities of the Town of West Hartford to accept a two-plot plan encompassing 144 South Quaker Lane, 143 and 151 Maplewood Avenue as one contiguous piece of property devoted to Quaker religious purposes.
11. Peace and Social Concerns Committee report was given by Florence Carpenter. Andrew Lynn is Acting Chairman of the committee. Carl Davies of the New England A.F.S.C. office recently spoke to three members of the committee about court monitoring which the committee is eager to pursue as their main project.
12. The closing of the Hartford Branch AFSC office on October 8 was reported by Ted Paullin. This action was due both to financial reasons and to the ina-

bility of the staff person to handle program work and run the office at the same time. A part-time AFSC worker under the New England office will carry on work in the Hartford area but will not have an office.

13. The Meeting's telephone in the Clerk's office will be disconnected.
14. The Clerk reported on the ticket distribution for the Russell Johnson China lecture on October 19 at the Connecticut General auditorium.
15. Arthur Wolf announced the Adult Discussion plans for October. A reading of Dostoevski's Grand Inquisitor will be given on October 17 with discussion of it on October 24.
16. The first Friday Evening Discussion Group of the fall was held October 1 at Gerda Wallach's with 12 in attendance. The next of these biweekly meetings will be October 18 at Florence Carpenter's at 7:30 P.M.
17. Pat Bailey reported on the promising number of older Young Friends attending the post-worship discussion sessions this fall. Various projects are under consideration. October 16 the group will make bread at the Meeting House.
18. Constance Way reported progress concerning the new curtains for the Bailey Library room of the Hingham Home in Massachusetts. Tom Brown explained that the Home continues to function despite staff handicaps.
19. Appreciation was expressed to Lydia Slivinski for editing the Bulletin.
20. The Clerk read a letter from Austin Wattles about our having a retreat next May 19-21 at Powell House in Chatham, New York. A guarantee of \$350. is needed. Friends approved.
21. Tom Bodine reported a call to action from the Quaker Program at the U.N. asking Connecticut Friends to urge Senator Ribicoff to vote for authorizing funds for the International Development Association.
22. Among a number of announcements were the following:
 - a. Cynthia Green is interested in having further square dancing on Sunday or a Friday evening.
 - b. Francis Wheeler's recommendations concerning New England Yearly Meeting's Schools Committee are available from the Clerk.
23. A card was read from the Cleppers in England, and a letter was read from Virginia Costales. Friends approved sending Virginia the album "Jesus Christ Superstar."

The Meeting closed with a period of silent worship, purposing to meet again on November 11. Twenty-eight members were present.

Ellen Paullin
Ellen Paullin, Clerk

Helen Brill
Helen Brill for Elsa Cullen
Recording Clerk

November 11, 1971

1. The Meeting began with a brief period of worship. The Clerk read the Query on Christian Fellowship adopted by Hartford Meeting in 1942.
2. Ministry and Counsel report was given by Alice Cheney.
 - a. Plans of Ministry and Counsel for Quarterly Meeting to be held here on February 5-6 were briefly discussed.
 - b. A passage from Faith and Practice regarding vocal ministry was read with the intent of making announcements at the break of meeting briefer and more in keeping with the spirit of Meeting for Worship. Constructive suggestions to implement this idea were discussed.
 - c. Personal notes:
 - 1) A special welcome back to our Clerk, who has been ill.
 - 2) Sylvia Gardiner would welcome messages from Friends.
 - 3) Glenn Roberts is confined to his home because of illness.
 - 4) Nathaniel Hathaway is in Elm Tree Manor, Portland, Connecticut.
3. Ministry and Counsel report from Quarterly Meeting held at Mt. Toby, Massachusetts, on October 16-17 was given by Alice Cheney. Regular Quarterly Meeting report was given by Marjorie Baechler.
4. Treasurer's report was given by Marjorie Baechler. She was warmly thanked for her letter of reminder sent to members regarding the financial state of the Meeting.
5. Adult Education report was given by Fritz Semmler:

Nov. 14--Discussion of Book of Job as literature led by Fritz Semmler and Ralph Williams.
Fellowship luncheon

Nov. 21, 28--Discussion of Dietrich Bonhoeffer led by Wendell Clepper and Fritz Semmler

Dec. 5, 12--Discussion of Quaker pamphlet "Who Shall Live?" led by Arthur Wolf and Francis Helfrick

Dec. 19--Christmas Program led by First Day School
6. Plans for Quarterly Meeting to be held here on February 6-7 were discussed. A suggested subject for the agenda was Moses Brown and Lincoln School. The Meeting approved a request from the Meeting School, Rindge, New Hampshire, to show a film and give a report on their school at Quarterly Meeting.
7. Plans for the Meeting weekend to be held at Powell House, Chatham, New York, May 19-21 were discussed. Austin Wattles indicated that 35 adults and 35 children could be accommodated. To help organize the weekend, the following committee was named and approved: Francis Helfrick, Beth Carpenter, Penn Ritter, Mary Forman, Helen Brill, Don, and Brad Noel.
8. Peace and Social Concerns report was given by Florence Carpenter.

9. A letter was read from Abram Sangrey of AFSC, Cambridge, Massachusetts, regarding the closing of the Hartford AFSC Office. The Meeting approved the purchase of the electric typewriter left in the office.
10. Charlotte Kitowski, speaking for the Committee of Conscience, requested the use of the former AFSC office on Saturdays. This is an interdenominational group whose concerns include ending the war in Vietnam, freeing prisoners of war and resisting the war taxes. The Meeting approved the request.

In connection with this, the security of our Meeting House was again discussed. Morris Way and the Slivinskis will make a recommendation regarding this matter at December meeting.

11. Young Friends report was given by Lydia Slivinski. Activities planned include:
 - a. A pancake breakfast before Meeting to which all members and attenders will be invited.
 - b. A series of informal dinners to help young and old Friends get better acquainted.
 - c. Group attendance at a movie or play.
 - d. Lydia and Bill Slivinski will move into 151 Maplewood Avenue on November 13. Young Friends will be asked to select a name for this new hospitality center.
 - e. Fritz Semmler, on behalf of Adult Education, invited Young Friends to participate more actively in Meeting for Worship and Adult Discussion--perhaps through a series of dialogues.
12. Concerns:
 - a. Draft counseling requests should be referred to Trinity College.
 - b. The Clothing Committee requests help in getting used clothing sent to Philadelphia on a regular basis.
 - c. The C. O. Handbook will be distributed by the Library Committee.
13. Contributions from the mailbag included:
 - a. Thank you for wedding gift from Kathy and James Carpenter.
 - b. A note from Margaret Morrison telling of her pleasure in speaking about Quakers to a Young People's group in East Hartford.
 - c. A pamphlet telling of the pastoral counseling available through the Hartford Council of Churches.
 - d. A letter telling of the need for financial support of Halifax Friends Meeting which is housing and helping draft exiles from the U.S.
 - e. A letter from Virginia Costales shared and enjoyed by all.
14. The Meeting closed with silent worship, purposing to meet again on December 9.

15. Twenty-six were present

Ellen Paullin
Ellen Paullin, Clerk

Elsa Cullen
Elsa Cullen, Recording Clerk

December 9, 1971

1. The Meeting began with a period of meditation. The Clerk read The Query on Personal Standards of Living, adopted by Hartford Meeting in 1942.
2. The Clerk welcomed John Morgan, a newcomer to Meeting.
3. Ministry and Counsel report was given by Alice Cheney.
 - a. It was recommended that John and Linda Morgan be received into membership, and that their daughter, Kendra Elizabeth (born October 16, 1971) be received as a junior member. The Meeting happily approved. Marjorie Baechler and Mary Jane Carpenter will call on them.
 - b. We regret that Libby Butterworth is confined with a broken wrist.
 - c. Young friends home for the holidays from college and prep school have been invited to meet at 11 a.m. on December 26. Lydia and Bill Slivinski will coordinate this meeting.
 - d. Ministry and Counsel has completed a series of six Quaker dialogues on Creative Listening. A summary written by Mary Jane Carpenter describing the procedure and fellowship of these dialogues is attached. It is hoped that the rest of the Meeting will want to share in a similar series under the guidance of Ministry and Counsel.
 - e. Virginia Dattoo, a member of Lansdowne Meeting and an attender at our Meeting, gave birth to a daughter, Navyn, on December 8, 1971.
4. Treasurer's report was given by Marjorie Baechler. We need \$4,785 to meet our 1971 budget of \$21,005. The Finance Committee will meet on December 19 to consider this matter.
5. Adult Discussion:
 - a. Friends are reminded of fellowship luncheon on December 12 when John and Beverly Stamm and Lynn Scott will be our guests.
 - b. December 19 - Christmas program led by First Day School, followed by a rice and tea luncheon with proceeds to go to Virginia Costales' project La Clinica (for needy Indians in New Mexico.)
6. Quarterly Meeting program plans were discussed:
 - a. February 6 - the topic for the afternoon session will be "What is Quaker Education?" Ralph Williams will help organize this program.

- b. Dorothy and Don Warrington will invite by letter other meetings in the Quarter.
- c. Hospitality Committee will provide the meals.
7. The retreat at Powell House to be held May 19 - 21, 1972, was briefly discussed. The Committee for this event was revised to include: Francis Helfrick, Beth Carpenter, Mary Forman, Emily Noel, Helen Brill, Penn Ritter, and Arthur Wolf.
8. Peace and Social Concerns report was given by Florence Carpenter:
 - a. It is hoped many will participate in the Court Monitoring Program to be held in Circuit Court No. 14, Police Station, Morgan Street, Hartford. A list of what to look for will be provided.
 - b. New books brought to our attention: Toward a New Society, Struggle for Justice, and They Can't Go Home Again.
9. Margaret Morrison recommended that Raymond Wilson of FCNL be invited to speak to our Meeting in the near future. The Meeting approved. Peace and Social Concerns will follow through on this.
10. Young Friends report was given by Lydia Slivinski:
 - a. Pancake breakfast will be on January 16.
 - b. A series of "get acquainted" suppers will begin some time in January.
11. Regarding the security of our Meeting House - the locks will be changed and Morris Way will report on details of this at January meeting.
12. Constance Way reported on a number of concerns relating to Meeting:
 - a. Good progress has been made on the draperies to be provided by our Meeting for the Moses Bailey Library in Hingham Home, Hingham, Massachusetts.
 - b. Funds for shipping clothing to Philadelphia have been provided by Winona and Robert MacCalmont. The Meeting is most grateful.
 - c. A visit with Sylvia Gardiner cheered her.
13. Bulletin Committee requested that all notices submitted for publication be clearly written out and not given verbally.
14. Pleasures shared:
 - a. We rejoiced to hear that Peter Geyer, a frequent attender at our Meeting, and a freshman at Earlham has been granted C.O. status. Don Warrington appeared before the Draft Board on Peter's behalf.
 - b. A letter from Virginia Costales.

The Meeting closed with silence, purposing to meet again on January 13, 1972. 18 attended the meeting.

Ellen Paullin
Ellen Paullin, Clerk

Elsa Cullen
Elsa Cullen, Recording Clerk

January 13, 1972

1. The first business meeting of 1972 began with meditation. The Clerk pro tem, Ted Paullin, read Query #4 - Peace, War, adopted by Hartford Meeting in 1942.
2. Ted Paullin read a warm note of thanks from Clerk Ellen who has been hospitalized for surgery. We rejoice to hear that she will be coming home tomorrow after a two-week siege.
3. The Clerk welcomed Edward Jones, a newcomer to business meeting.
4. Ministry and Counsel report was given by Alice Cheney:
 - a. In order to become better acquainted with new members and attenders in our Meeting, a series of "mini-biographies" will be included in the bulletin.
 - b. Anyone wishing to attend Quarterly Meeting Ministry and Counsel supper on February 5 should notify Alice Cheney.
 - c. Plans are under way for beginning "Creative Listening" groups (see December report). Between now and February 3, all members and attenders will be contacted to ascertain the interest for such gatherings. Ministry and Counsel will report on this next month.
 - d. A request for a State of Society report from Yearly Meeting to assess the needs existing within meetings has been received. Ministry and Counsel will consider this and bring a recommendation next month.
 - e. Quarterly Meeting representatives from our Meeting will be Ruth Lilienthal and Wendell and Jeanne Clepper.
 - f. Mary Jane Carpenter reported on welcome visit to John and Linda Morgan. Kendra Elizabeth Morgan received a copy of Small Rain, which was gratefully acknowledged.
 - g. Personals:
 - 1) Marcia Paullin is presently traveling in Ethiopia.
 - 2) Our sympathy to Fritz Semmler whose brother and sister-in-law died during the holidays in Germany. Fritz has gone to help the family.
 - 3) Libby Butterworth's wrist is improving.
5. The treasurer's report was given by Marjorie Baechler:

1971 Income from General Fund:

From 122 families	\$18,883.54
From lobby box	39.35
Use of building; other groups	1,690.00
	20,612.89
Budget lack	392.11
1971 Budget	\$21,005.00

1971 Income	\$20,612.89
1971 Expense	18,601.97
Surplus	<u>\$ 2,010.92</u>

Of the 122 contributions received:

53 gifts were under \$100
 64 gifts were between \$101 - \$500
 5 gifts were over \$500

- a. The projected financial needs of committees should be submitted to the treasurer.
- b. In view of the many special conferences coming up in the ensuing year, it was recommended that the finance committee take under advisement expanding the conference fund. The Clerk will name a conference co-ordinator who will help make us all (especially Young Friends) aware of conference opportunities.

6. Management Committee report:

- a. A new set of locks which can be opened with one key will be installed on all exterior doors at a cost of \$80. The Meeting approved.
- b. A maple tree in the nursery school playground causing concern to parents has been removed.

7. A memorial service for E. Wight Bakke of New Haven Meeting will be held on January 16 at 1:30 P.M. at Yale University. A minute of appreciation for him from New Haven Meeting was read by the Clerk and was followed by silence.

8. A letter from Jan de Hartog, Clerk of Meetings for Sufferings of Southeastern Yearly Meeting, Orlando, Florida, was read. Jan feels a concern for reaching all lonely elderly Quakers in the Florida area. Robert Brill will send names of members and attenders from our Meeting now residing in Florida.

9. A letter from Thomas Lungaho, Executive Secretary of East Africa Yearly Meeting was read. It was an acknowledgement of our letter telling of the marriage of Mary Schendel and Bernard Lungaho on August 21, 1971.

10. Announcements, concerns and Communications:

- a. Many Christmas greetings from absent dear ones were enjoyed.
- b. Guilford College Choir will be on spring tour April 14 - 21. We need a co-ordinator if we wish to sponsor a concert here - and this will be noted in bulletin.
- c. All are invited to attend a marriage enrichment conference March 3 - 5 at Friends House. Leaders will be Wayne and Jessie Jones and Harold and Charlotte White.
- d. Friends House activities:

A lovely new custom will be initiated in February when dessert and coffee will be served 7 to 7:40 before business meeting at Friends House.

January 16 - Open House 3 to 4:30 P.M.

Pancake breakfast 9-9:55 A.M. Donation \$1.00 for adults,
 50¢ for children

Get-acquainted suppers will begin on February 24th and each Thursday thereafter.

- e. A valentine square and folk dancing session led by Cynthia Green will be held following fellowship luncheon on February 13.
 - f. Helen Brill requested a report on the Martha Clifford House next month to bring us up to date.
 - g. Virginia Costales sent thanks for the Meeting's Christmas donation to La Clinica. We are so sorry to hear that Virginia has been stricken by the flu.
11. The meeting ended with a short period of silence, purposing to meet again on February 10. Twenty-five were present.

Theodore Paullin
Ted Paullin, Clerk pro tem

Elsa Cullen
Elsa Cullen, Recording Clerk

February 10, 1972

- 1. The Meeting began with silent worship. We were indeed glad to welcome Clerk Ellen back after her illness. The Clerk read Query #5 on Young People, Education (adopted by Hartford Meeting in 1942) and an excerpt from the minute of appreciation for E. Wight Bakke from New Haven Monthly Meeting.
- 2. All of us welcomed home Robert Tosco, who has just returned from his travels in Europe.
- 3. Ministry and Counsel report was given by Alice Cheney:

Ministry and Counsel recommended James Fox for membership. Friends ap-
proved.

Sixty members and attenders have indicated that they would like to participate in the Quaker dialogue series (Creative Listening). Mary Jane Carpenter will co-ordinate people into groups to meet in homes. Pamphlets giving guide lines for dialogues will be available.

Ministry and Counsel recommended that the State of Society Report be made on a biennial basis. The Meeting approved.

4. Personal items:

- a. Fritz Semmler is recuperating from his illness.
- b. We greatly miss Mabel Bailey who is confined for the winter months.
- c. We're concerned about Virginia Costales who has had pneumonia and flu.
- d. Cynthia Green is hospitalized, but the report is favorable.
- e. Pam Paulson, Cynthia Green and Sue Free have moved to the New Haven area.

f. Our sympathy to:

Katharine Locke whose grandson tragically died in a fire.

Faith Witlicki who lost her father.

Gordon Jensen, whose mother died.

5. Tom Bodine reported for Ministry and Counsel on Committee of One for Friends House:

- a. The rental on Friends House to Lydia and Bill Slivinski will be \$150 per month. All utilities will be paid by the Meeting. The Meeting ap-
proved.
- b. It was proposed that Bill Slivinski be released from his present employment in order to organize a program for young people (with outreach beyond our Meeting) at Friends House. A sum of \$800 to cover five months' release - March through August - for Bill would be needed. The Meeting approved.
- c. A sounding board committee to help the Slivinskis was named. It includes: Tom Bodine, Don Warrington, Betty Hathaway, Pat Bailey, Mike Meshunuk, Ann Wolf and Elsa Cullen. Marjorie Baechler will serve as consultant. The Meeting approved.

6. Report of Finance Committee meeting held on February 2 was given by Marjorie Baechler. Following are the pertinent minutes:

- a. "The Committee acknowledged and minutes the following gift from Sunset Foundation, distributed to Hartford Monthly Meeting at the dissolution of the Sunset Foundation. Documents were delivered by Hartford National Bank and Trust on December 31, 1971 to George Ritter.
 - a) \$2,000 Church Action, Inc. note.
 - b) \$4,572.88 Kralitz second mortgage.
 - c) 10 shares, Modern Community Developers, Inc.
 - d) 1500 shares, Prospect Construction Corporation.
- b. "The Committee acknowledged - and minutes - receipt of an additional \$4,460.22 from H. Paul Cleaver for the Cleaver Memorial Scholarship Fund of the Meeting. This sum completes the gift of \$10,000 pledged by Paul Cleaver."

The Meeting expressed deep gratitude for these gifts.

7. The budget proposed for 1972 was presented by Tom Bodine.

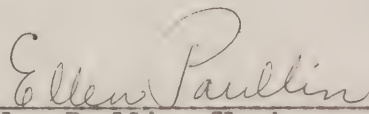
- a. The proposed total budget of \$21,270 for 1972 is a slight increase over the \$21,005 budget for 1971. This means that contributions from individuals will need to increase from \$18,800 to a little over \$20,000.
- b. Budget items were thoroughly discussed. It was agreed that our emphasis will be on Quaker concerns and activities. The Meeting approved the budget.

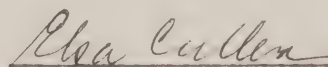
8. Letters were read from Chairman of Nursery School Committee:

- a. We received an explanation for removal of maple tree from school grounds.
- b. We were invited to attend a reading of "The Man Nobody Saw" by the Trinity Players on March 14, 8 P.M. at the Meeting House.

- c. Paul Butterworth brought up the matter of Mrs. Camp's future retirement.
9. An excellent comprehensive report on Quarterly Meeting given by Ruth Lillianthal was appreciated. One hundred and twenty Friends attended.
10. Friends were asked by Francis Helfrick to indicate the kind of weekend they wish to have at Powell House on May 19-21. The sense of the Meeting was that both recreational family fun and structured meetings would be appreciated.
11. A need of the Ushering Committee was met by Arthur Wolf who volunteered to speak on Quakerism to visiting Sunday School children (from Wethersfield First Church of Christ) who will be visiting us for the next two Sundays.
12. Bob Brill will serve as head of Adult Discussion in lieu of Fritz Semmler who is ill.
13. Henry Baechler was suggested to fill a vacancy on the Nominating Committee.
14. A First Day School dramatic production is scheduled for April 9.
15. Management Committee reported that keys for the new locks which have been installed have been distributed to the heads of committees.
16. Announcements, concerns and communications:
- a. A minute of appreciation will be prepared for Russell Brooks, Field Secretary of New England Yearly Meeting, whose loss we regret.
 - b. Arthur Wolf suggested that Ministry and Counsel be sensitive to finding out why some people who formerly used to come to Meeting fairly regularly have stopped.
 - c. Friends are reminded of the Marriage Enrichment weekend to be held on March 3 - 5.
 - d. We thank Paul Butterworth for the subscription to Friends Journal.
 - e. Letters of appreciation for Christmas gifts were received from the Kickapoo Friends Center, McLoud, Oklahoma, and La Clinica, Tierra Amarilla, New Mexico.
17. The Meeting adjourned after a brief period of silence, purposing to meet again on March 9.

Twenty-one people attended.


Ellen Paullin, Clerk


Elsa Cullen, Recording Clerk

March 9, 1972

1. The Meeting opened with a period of worship during which the Clerk read Query #6 on Moral Testimonies, Business and the Social Conscience (adopted by Hartford Meeting 1942).
2. The Clerk welcomed newcomers to meeting.
3. Ministry and Counsel report was given by Alice Cheney:
 - a. The Quaker Dialogue series (Creative Listening) will begin in mid-March. Mary Jane Carpenter has co-ordinated participants into eight groups with a member of Ministry and Counsel serving as leader. These groups will meet at various times.
 - b. Marie Carden is in Hartford Hospital recovering from surgery.
 - c. Our congratulations to Bob Iosco, who has been accepted at Guilford College
4. The Clerk read a communication from Woolman Hill about the death of Russell Brooks, former Field Secretary of New England Yearly Meeting. Anyone wishing to contribute to a fund for his widow, Barbara Brooks, may send it to Curtis Johnson, Haydenville, Massachusetts.

A memorial minute to Russell Brooks from Hartford Monthly Meeting was read.*
5. The annual Peace Vigil in Boston will be held on Good Friday, March 31. Henry Baechler and Bill Slivinski will serve as overseers from our Meeting. Lydia Slivinski and Alice Cheney will also represent out Meeting.
6. We are grateful to Anne Wolf for her splendid report on the New Windsor Youth Leaders Conference held in New Windsor, Maryland on February 11-13. The Conference was sponsored by the five Yearly Meetings on the east coast.
7. Mary Forman laid a concern before the Meeting. There is need for volunteers to serve as teachers' aids in a program for emotionally disturbed children at the Intensive Instruction Center at West Middle School, 927 Asylum Avenue, Hartford. Anyone wishing to help this program should contact Mary Forman, telephone, 278-5051.
8. Lydia Slivinski reported on the Marriage Enrichment Weekend held March 3-5 at Friends House. The leaders were Harold and Charlotte White. The eight couples who participated were very enthusiastic about this experience.
9. Friends were reminded that Lydia and Bill Slivinski are graciously offering dessert and coffee at Friends House on a regular basis before Monthly Meeting - 7 to 7:40 P.M.
10. Elsa Cullen reported on the visitation with James Fox welcoming him to Meeting.
11. Bob Brill asked if our Meeting would like to host the meeting of the Central Committee of Friends General Conference on September 29, 30, October 1. Friends approved. Bob Brill will serve as co-ordinator of this meeting.
12. Jeanne Clepper gave a brief report on a seminar on Illness and Healing which she and Wendell attended on February 25-26 at Pendle Hill.

13. Bill Slivinski gave a preliminary report on the objectives of the program being developed for Friends House for the next five months.
14. Bob Brill reported for Adult Discussion. The schedule includes:
- March 12 - The Role of Women (continued)
 - March 19 - Toward a New Society through Engagement, led by Edward Lazar, Cambridge Office, AFSC.
 - March 26 - Religious Problems in Science, Jane Cheney
 - April 2 - Easter Sunday - to be announced
 - April 9 - Original play by First Day School
15. Personals, concerns, and communications:
- a. A Procession of Friends by Daisy Newman was enthusiastically recommended by Libby Butterworth.
 - b. Cynthia Green is recovering from her illness.
 - c. Letters were shared and enjoyed from:
 - Judy and Hal Hinds in New Brunswick
 - Lucia and Laurence Barber in Port o' Spain, Trinidad and Tobago
 - Bill Halford, Tallahassee, Florida.
 - d. We are glad to hear Virginia Costales is now closer to home as she is in New Jersey recuperating from her illness.
16. Meeting adjourned with a brief silence, purposing to meet again on April 13. Twenty-two attended.

Ellen Paullin
Ellen Paullin, Clerk

Elsa Cullen
Elsa Cullen, Recording Clerk

* 26 February, 1972

Hartford Friends are saddened to learn of Russell Brooks' death on December 25, 1971. Long-time members recall Russell's dedication to our Friends' activities when he served as Field Secretary for New England Yearly Meeting. For others Russell Brooks is best remembered as our host at Woolman Hill during weekend conferences. His cheerful, friendly greetings and his attention to the details of making us feel at home will always be an important part of our warm memories of both Russell and The Hill. Our Society is richer for having enjoyed Russell Brooks' Friendly spirit among us. Our loving concern is extended to his widow, Barbara Brooks.

(Minuted by Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends)

April 13, 1972

1. The Meeting began with meditation. The Clerk read Query VII on Marriage and the Family (adopted by Hartford Meeting in 1942)
2. The Clerk welcomed visitors and newcomers to Meeting.
3. Ministry and Counsel report was given by Alice Cheney.
 - a. Helen Brill and Alice Cheney will represent Ministry and Counsel at Quarterly Meeting in New Haven on May 6.
 - b. A report on the Creative Listening groups led by Ministry and Counsel indicate that these meetings are deepening our understanding of each other through openness and exchange of thoughts.
 - c. Mary Jane Carpenter spoke of her concern for Marriage and Family Enrichment and the need for "timely, wise, sensitive and continuing help and guidance before and throughout marriage." She proposed that a continuing committee for this purpose be established with two of these members serving on all Committees on Clearness for future marriages within the Meeting. The two other members comprising Committee on Clearness would come from the Meeting membership. Members of this Marriage Committee will be Mary Jane Carpenter and James Carpenter, Henry and Marjorie Baechler, Dorothy and Fred Wheeler, and Helen and Bob Brill. Friends approved.
 - d. Personals:

We welcome back Tom Bodine after his illness.

We are glad to hear that Virginia Costales' health is improving.

We appreciate greetings from George and Ethel Halford in Florida.

We regret the illness of Mary Forman's mother.
4. A warm letter of appreciation from Jack Akenga's family in Kenya, East Africa was shared and enjoyed.
5. The auditor's report with recommendations made by Irven Roberts was read and the Meeting expressed appreciation for his work. A letter from our retiring treasurer, Marjorie Baechler, which contained her recommendations, was also read. Both of these letters were referred to the Finance Committee.

A brief report from the Treasurer indicated that to date only 25% of our membership have submitted their intent of budget contribution for the coming year. A little more than 25% of the proposed budget of approximately \$20,000 has been pledged.
6. Henry Baechler reported on the Good Friday Peace Vigil in Boston. Thirty from our Meeting participated.
7. Report on Friends House was given by Bill Slivinski.
 - a. Connecticut Valley Young Friends will meet at Friends House on April 14 - 15. Their focus will be Minute 60 (to help those who are victims of

poverty and prejudice). Dwight Wilson, a Friend's pastor from Maine, will speak at 1 P.M. on April 15.

- b. A Sounding Board Committee meeting will be held on May 11 at 5 P.M. to discuss future plans for Friends House.
8. Friends were reminded of the family weekend at Powell House in Chatham, New York, to be held May 19-21.
9. Our representatives to Quarterly Meeting in New Haven on May 7 will include Bob Iosco, Nat Hathaway, and Henry and Marjorie Baechler.
10. Francis Helfrick presented the preliminary report of the Nominating Committee:
 - a. Three chairmanships are vacant - Peace and Social Concerns, First Day School, and Hospitality. We also need a representative to the Hartford Council of Churches, and to the Greater Hartford Group Homes.
 - b. Sounding Board Committee should be included in final slate of committees.
 - c. Head of Use Committee, Lydia Slivinski, should be listed.
 - d. Ruth Lilienthal was suggested as third member of Nominating Committee. The Meeting approved.
11. Four representatives from Hartford Peace Action Coalition spoke on the Peace March to be held April 22 in New York City.
12. We are grateful to Pat Ritter for her comprehensive report on the Clifford and Barnard Houses.
13. The Recorder's report was given by Ted Paullin:

1970 : 261 members
1971 : 259 members - 161 full members and 98 junior members. 9 members who are juniors (who will soon have their 25th birthdays) will be asked if they wish to become full members. If not, they will be dropped from our rolls.

In this connection, Tom Bodine voiced a concern for making newcomers feel that they are welcome to join our Meeting.
14. We welcomed Newlin Smith from Cambridge Meeting who spoke to us about the work of Yearly Meeting and expressed appreciation for our increased financial contribution to Yearly Meeting.
15. Peace and Social Concerns report was given by Florence Carpenter:
 - a. April 17 at 8 P.M. Edward Lazar of Cambridge Meeting will show slides on the industrial military complex.
 - b. The Clerk urged us to protest to the President against the increased war in Indo-China which so distresses us all.
16. Adult Education Committee report was given by Bob Brill. The schedule for the remainder of the season follows:

- April 16 "The Meek and the Humble - Creative Suffering," Irven Paul, retired professor from Hartford Seminary.
- April 23 Jan de Hartog's "Peaceable Kingdom" reviewed by Dick Boulton
- April 30 Howard Bartram, Head of Friends General Conference, and Lorton Heusel, Head of Friends United Meeting, will speak about these two Friends organizations.
- May 7 Quarterly Meeting in New Haven
- May 14 "Quaker Simplicity Today" - Pat Bailey, Jim Carpenter, and Don Warrington
- May 21 Family Weekend at Powell House
- May 28 Crafts Fair - First Day School
- June 4 First Day School Roundup - Ann-Marie Miller
- June 11 Annual Picnic at Sunset Farm

The suggestion of changing the name of this committee from Adult Discussion to a name that would indicate greater outreach to the young was discussed. This matter was laid over.

17. Management Committee report was given by James Carpenter.

- a. Friends are reminded to gather on Saturday April 14 with rakes and clippers to help tidy up the yard.
- b. The Clerk requested a bulletin board be put in library section of Meeting room in order to post the many events and concerns that need to be shared.

18. The mailbag, concerns, and announcements were quickly reviewed by the Clerk.

Friends of Wight Bakke were invited to contribute to a scholarship fund in his memory.

19. The Meeting closed with brief silence, and the Clerk read the following prayer from Wight Bakke's memorial service:

"Temper with tranquility our manifold activity that we may come before the Lord with very great simplicity."

Ellen Paullin
Ellen Paullin, Clerk

Elsa Cullen
Elsa Cullen, Recording Clerk

May 11, 1972

1. The Meeting began with a period of worship. The Clerk read Query VIII on Race Relations, adopted by Hartford Meeting in 1942.
2. Ministry and Counsel report was given by Alice Cheney.
 - a. An evaluation was made of the eight Creative Listening groups held this spring. It was agreed that the experiment had been worthwhile.
 - b. A special program held April 29 and sponsored by New England Yearly Meeting brought together Howard Bartram and Lorton Heusel, the Executive Directors of Friends General Conference and Friends United Meeting, to talk about their programs and goals. The event was well attended and well received.
 - c. Fifty-six Hartford Friends plan to attend the weekend at Powell House May 19-21.
 - d. Richard Fogg of Berkeley, California, has written to request that his junior membership be changed to full adult membership. Friends approved and Sally Morrison will welcome him when she visits California next month.
 - e. Ministry and Counsel recommended that the suggestion in Faith and Practice be followed and a counsellor chosen for each 14 year-old in the Meeting with whom the young person could discuss Friendly matters. After discussion, the matter was referred back to Ministry and Counsel for further consideration.
 - f. The death of Ruth Kirk after a long illness was announced, Friends recalling that she was a faithful member of Hartford Meeting when Friends first met at the Seminary. She also served many years on the Sewing Committee.
 - g. The marriage of Richard Boulton II and Linda Wigell on April 15 in New York City was announced. Robinson Lilienthal will be married to Darryl Pfanner on May 16 at the Hartford Seminary Foundation with Moses Bailey officiating. William Douglas was born to Walton and Peggy Clepper Hathaway on April 24, 1972. Allen Liff has won a Kaman Air Craft scholarship to study at Cornell University.
3. Ted Paullin, recorder, reported on the seven junior members, who are now age 25 and have not requested adult membership, and so will be dropped from membership: Roger Williams Brainerd, James Leroy Carpenter, William Batterson Clark, Eric Swing Greene, Pamela Wasem, Karen Louise Wright, and Hope Penelope Buckland Nelson.
4. Robert Brill and Florence Carpenter reported on the Quaker Vigil at the White House May 3. Eight from Hartford Meeting attended. Florence Carpenter also visited the offices of Senators Weicker and Ribicoff.
5. Alice Cheney reported on Ministry and Counsel at Quarterly Meeting in New Haven May 6. Fifteen attended, discussing the State of the Society reports of the Quarter. Bob Iosco reported on Quarterly Meeting May 7. Telegrams were sent to President Nixon opposing his actions in Indo-China. The afternoon program was on ECHO (Ex-Convicts Help Organization).

6. A complete treasurer's report will be available June 30.
 7. Copies of the Nominating Committee report for 1972-73 were distributed. Constance Way volunteered to be chairman of a committee to study First Day School plans.
 8. The Assistant Clerk read the schedule for the Powell House weekend.
 9. The following representatives were appointed to New England Yearly Meeting July 29--August 5: Marion Jessell, Tom Bodine, Virginia Costales, Marjorie Baechler, and Michael Meshenuk.
 10. Irven Roberts reported on the New England Yearly Meeting Schools Committee which met last week. There is agreement on goals and policies, but questions on governing bodies are not yet resolved.
 11. Friends House report was given by Lydia Slivinski. Recommendations by the Sounding Board Committee will be brought to June business meeting when Friends will evaluate 6-7 months the House has been in operation.
 12. The Management Committee report was given by Jim Carpenter who expressed concern about Friends' carelessness in locking the building. Vandalism occurred two weeks ago, and all keys were stolen from key board. The Ushering Committee has the basic responsibility for seeing to it that the building is securely locked.
 13. The Clerk read three letters:
A French couple asks for housing as paying guests for summer 1973.
Robinson Lilienthal wrote of his coming marriage May 16, and of his appreciation of the Meeting.
Virginia Costales hopes to return to Hartford at the end of June.
 14. Art Wolf will write a minute of appreciation for Ellen Paullin's and Elsa Cullen's service to the Meeting the past two years.
 15. Concern was voiced about our Meeting's response to the escalated war in Indo-China. Robert Brill and Mary Jane Carpenter will send telegrams on behalf of the Meeting to Senators Weicker and Ribicoff, and Representatives Cotter and Grasso.
 16. The Meeting closed with a brief period of worship.
- 28 Friends were in attendance.

Francis Helfrick
Francis Helfrick, Assistant Clerk

Helen Brill
Helen Brill, Recording Clerk pro tem

June 8, 1972

1. After the opening silence, the Clerk read from London Yearly Meeting Faith and Practice about the support of the meeting, and from the English version of the Bible, Romans, 12th chapter.
2. Arthur Wolf read a minute in verse form in appreciation of the clerk and recording clerk of the Meeting for the last two years, Ellen Paullin and Elsa Cullen, as follows:

Here's a Minute of praise
For those with Friendly ways,
Who oft led us unphased,
Though meetings were a maze.

While business was serious,
They let us be delirious,
With manner naught imperious,
No feelings wrought injurious

To be Recording Clerk,
Requires more than a jerk
Since meetings full of murk
To minute is hard work.

But oh, to be The Clerk
May seem at first Fate's quirk
To smile though perils lurk
Yet carry on with perk.

Oh, fortune has been ours
To have as Clerks such flowers
Second Fifth Day brought no
glowers

And thus, this paeon of praise
For leading all those days,
Two years through paths of yeas
For which, E and E - Grade A's.

The Clerk expressed appreciation of work done by all committees of the Meeting.

3. George Sheridan, a representative of the Caesar Chavez United Farm Workers Union, came to tell us of the organization of plans for boycotting non-union lettuce. We were urged to sign a pledge not to eat any lettuce except that with the stamp of the Aztec Eagle. Friends agreed to support this endeavor to bring better working conditions and wages by providing and donating \$20.00 per month in 1972 for household necessities for George and his family while they are working here. They are receiving no salary except an allowance for room and board and hopefully donations from other groups. Marjorie Baechler will write a statement of support from Friends which will be sent to the lettuce pickers in the Southwest. A talk and film about the lettuce pickers will be shown by George on Sunday, June 18th after Meeting for Worship.
4. A request for marriage was read from Laura Neece and Richard Baltaro. James and Mary Jane Carpenter and Wendell and Jeanne Clepper were appointed as Clearness Committee for the marriage.
5. A date has been set for a weekend at Powell House on May 18 - 20, 1973.
6. The annual Friends picnic will be held at Sunset Farm on June 11th.
7. Mary Jane Carpenter reported that telegrams were sent to our U. S. senators and representatives voicing our concern over the escalation of the war in Indo-China and replies were received.
8. James Carpenter reported a concern about the amount being paid to Sam Jones, our custodian. He is receiving higher wages than former employees and working less time. The Meeting felt that it could not afford this arrangement and suggestions were that Sam be relieved from certain outdoor jobs and take

care of the building at a specified salary and that the outdoors work be allocated to other summer help. Meeting approved that James Carpenter arrange this with Sam Jones.

9. Andrew Linn reported on the court watching, several members of the committee going to circuit court #14 with a helpful prepared questionnaire coded with abbreviations by AFSC Cambridge office, making it possible to record information about the defendant quickly.
 - a. More than a dozen groups have seen the slide and script NARMIC showing the suffering of the Vietnamese people and profits of corporations.
 - b. Virginia Costales will be the new chairman of Peace and Social Concerns Committee.
10. Eleventh Hour Committee is the new name for what was formerly Adult Discussion. Next year's general theme will be on Communication.
11. The Sounding Board Committee, reported on by Thomas Bodine, gave an evaluation of Friends House. William and Lydia Slivinski moved in on November 12, 1972, at the same rent as their former place and have used the house for an Open House gathering, unexpected and expected guests, gathering for young people, and dessert and coffee before business meetings. Also, \$60.00 was raised for Minute 60. Two questions asked for evaluation were: 1) Is Friends House useful? and 2) Is the program too much of a burden for Friends? The Meeting agreed that "yes" was the answer to the first question and "no" to the second. Approval was given to Thomas Bodine's recommendation that Friends House continue its present program and also the release of William Slivinski for Young Friends leadership until September Monthly Meeting. Appreciation was expressed by James Carpenter of the overseeing service of the Meetinghouse that the Slivinskis give.
12. The Treasurer's report was given by Marjorie Baechler.
 - a. Thomas Brown is the new Treasurer.
 - b. Bills have been paid through May 31st and there is a cash balance of \$26,634.21 and an additional savings account (exclusively the Hannah Cleaver Scholarship Fund) cash balance of \$10,365.41. The total income received to May 31, 1972, is \$7,074.34, which is less than the General Fund Expense for this time - that of \$9,049.85.
13. Alice Cheney reported for Ministry and Counsel.
 - a. A welcome was given to the three new members of Ministry and Counsel - Marion Cushman, Henry Baechler and Elsa Cullen. Ruth Wojan was welcomed as a two-year member replacing Mary Jane Carpenter, newly appointed Clerk of the Meeting.
 - b. Helen Brill is the new Clerk of Ministry and Counsel.
 - c. After requests for membership, Louise Brill and Bruce Baechler were warmly received as members of Hartford Monthly Meeting after the recommendation of Ministry and Counsel.
 - d. Cards of congratulation will be sent to our high school and college graduates.

- e. We welcome Peter and Janet Henson of LaJolla, California Friends Meeting and Valerie Genouves of Wellesley, Massachusetts Meeting to our Friends Meeting while they are in the Hartford vicinity.
14. Archie Meshenuk reported on China Camp that all but 4th through 7th grades are filled, including Family Camp.
15. Alice and Tim Cheney's son, Timothy Dexter, will be married June 17, 1972, to Kathy Lynn Papp in Rochester, New York.
16. Helen Brill was appointed as representative to Yearly Meeting Ministry and Counsel until the nominating committee reports next year.
17. Twenty-three Friends attended Business Meeting.
18. The next Business Meeting will be September 14, 1972.
19. The meeting ended with silent worship.

Mary Jane Carpenter
Mary Jane Carpenter, Clerk

Alice R. Cheney
Alice Cheney, Recording Clerk

September 14, 1972

1. In this first meeting of the Fall, the Clerk read from John, 15th chapter of the new English version of the Bible, followed by silent worship.
2. The Ministry and Counsel report was read by Thomas Bodine in the absence of Helen Brill, Clerk.
 - a. Edgar and Marie Wasem and their children, Kirby and Penelope, were recommended by Ministry and Counsel to be removed from membership because of lack of participation and interest. The Meeting approved.
 - b. Between this October and December, Ministry and Counsel plans an inter-visitation between Friends in which one person calls on another, preferably someone we don't know. Each person will write a few words about the visit which will be the start of the State of Society report. The Meeting approved of the plan.
 - c. Announcement was made of the six-week Seminar which John Morgan, recently released member to be a Quaker teacher-historian, will hold on Wednesday evenings in October and November at the Meetinghouse. The Meeting approved a special mailing of the topics and dates of these talks because of their importance to Friends. John and Linda Morgan have moved into the 143 Maplewood Avenue house belonging to Hartford Friends Meeting.
 - d. A Friend will be available starting September 10th, after Meeting for Worship, to talk with anyone interested in Quakers or our Meeting.

- e. The pamphlet, "A Time for Listening" was sent with the August 1972 Bulletin in keeping with the Creative Listening sessions last year.

A few copies of a ten-page handbook, "Marriage Procedure," compiled by Mary Jane Carpenter, is now available for Friends to read.

Quaker Religious Thought, a Quarterly magazine published by the Quaker Theological Discussion Group has been ordered for our Meeting.

Paul Cleaver's son, William Yarnall Cleaver, died on July 2, 1972.

Florence Carpenter's granddaughter, Mary Alice McCracken, was married to Valentin Lechuga Baena, on July 8, 1972, in Madrid, Spain.

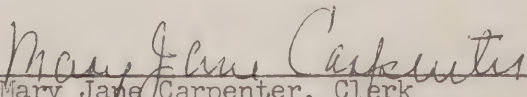
3. The Peace and Social Concerns report was given by Virginia Costales.
 - a. Peace and Social Concerns meeting on August 24, 1972, was well attended. Joseph Payne, hired by AFSC Cambridge office to work on Prison reform, is a member of the Committee and explained his work in this area.
 - b. There will be a court monitoring on September 22nd.
 - c. A meeting was held on September 6th to organize an anti-war tax resistance effort.
 - d. The NARMIC slide film will be shown on September 18th at the Meetinghouse.
 - e. On September 24th the Hartford and New Haven Peace and Social Concerns Committees will meet to discuss prison reform.
4. The Clerk read a letter from Gerda Wallach about a pin worn at a recent Meeting for Worship by a released prisoner in Danbury (not a Meeting member) inscribed with "Hitler is alive and living in the White House." The letter expressed concern, reminding us of the need to emphasize a spirit of love and reconciliation. After some discussion the Meeting approved of doing what we do in love, not in hatred. The letter is enclosed in the Minutes.
5. First Day School, reported on by Patricia Bailey, had no chairman a week ago. Due to the Group Process meeting last First Day during the 11th hour discussion, a good program was developed. There are more teachers than classes. Older young people will be teaching also.
6. Edith Neece spoke of her and Talmadge's concern about court monitoring, feeling that more understanding of procedure and content as well as encouragement for both court judges and monitors was needed. Virginia Costales acknowledged that more preparation and training was needed as this activity takes some time to absorb.
7. The treasurer's report was given by Thomas Brown. The income to August 31, 1972, is \$9,967.00. Expenses were \$10,257.00, a deficit of \$289.00. The budget for the year is \$21,270.00.

A check of \$66.24 from a sale of food and crafts exhibit by the First Day School last June was presented to the Meeting. It was recommended that a representative from Young Friends come to next Business Meeting and give us the decision on what the check will be used for and whether they want it

matched by the Meeting for some worthwhile project. In the meantime it will be deposited and acknowledged.

The marriage of Laura Neece and Richard Baltaro on September 9, 1972, was reported on by Overseer James Reik.

8. The Clearness Committee announced approval of the coming marriage of Deborah Reik and Steven Sauter. The young couple were called upon by the James Carpenters and the Theodore Paullins in early September. Theodore Paullin of the Clearness Committee recommended that the marriage, planned for December 30, 1972, take place. The Meeting expressed unanimous approval and a Committee of Oversight, consisting of Judith and Jeffrey Park, Charles Miller, and Elizabeth Brad Noel was approved to take the wedding under the care of the Meeting.
9. Robert Brill reported on plans of the Central Committee for Friends General Conference annual meeting to be held here on October 6th, 7th, and 8th. One hundred and fifty people are expected.
10. Young Friends report, given by William Slivinski, was that Lydia Slivinski and Sylvia Helfrick were working on a Halloween Party, to be held on Friday, October 27th at the Meetinghouse. All are invited.
11. Eleventh Hour Discussion, reported by Robert Brill that its program is set for the whole year and its topic is on the theme of Communicating.
12. Mary Jane Carpenter recommended that there be a reconsideration of the Meetinghouse use of rooms and that there be a clean-up day with volunteers. The Meeting approved.
13. Friends approved sending Friends Journal to young college Friends who are away for the first year.
14. For the Management Committee, James Carpenter reported recent vandalism in the Meetinghouse in which food was scattered. A back door had been left open, the second time this week. Jim urged people to be sure and lock all doors when they leave the building.
15. A letter from Habil Wejuli, our African Friend who came to this Meeting while attending Trinity College, was read by the Clerk, in which he sent his greetings to Hartford Monthly Meeting from Chebuysi Monthly Meeting, Kenya, East Africa where he was this summer. He will be in New York later this month studying for his second PhD degree in Bio-Physics at New York University and living in Long Island with his wife and two children.
16. The Clerk read a letter from Ruth Lilienthal expressing appreciation to the Meeting for the use of the house at 143 Maplewood Avenue over the years and of her and the family's closeness and love for the Meeting.
17. The Meeting closed with a moment of silence and will meet again on October 12. Thirty-two people attended.


Mary Jane Carpenter, Clerk


Alice Cheney, Recording Clerk

October 12, 1972

1. The Meeting opened after a period of silence.
2. Helen Brill gave the report of Ministry and Counsel:
 - a. Joel Roberts, having joined the Bahai faith, will be removed from membership.
 - b. Ministry and Counsel discussed eldering as defined in Faith and Practice as "advising tenderly and with loving counsel" and suggests to the Meeting that anyone feeling unease about a person's messages or actions should refer them to Ministry and Counsel.
 - c. Tapes will be made of the remaining meetings of John Morgan's seminar on Quaker Roots. He and Linda met with Waterbury Friends last week and discussed on Quakerism.
 - d. Outreach to seekers and first-time attenders after Meeting for Worship will continue as the September experiment proved worthwhile and it is recommended that the same person continue for three or four consecutive Sundays.
 - e. For the Intravisitation Project during October and November two questions are suggested for discussion: 1) How did you come to Friends? and, 2) How do you feel about the Meeting? Does it speak to your condition? A list was started of people to call on others whom they would like to know better.
3. \$2,000 has been granted from the New England Yearly Meeting Obadiah Brown Fund for released Friends to John Morgan. \$2700 is the portion that the Hartford Meeting is responsible for.
4. Peace and Social Concerns report given by Virginia Costales was as follows:
 - a. Recruitment of volunteers for court monitoring by the use of flyers to churches and colleges and a series of seminars on legal points of court monitoring with Rosemary Zion were planned.
 - b. A representative from Cambridge AFSC will come in mid-November and show how the Anti-war Alternate Tax Fund Project works.
 - c. Russell Johnson, Project Co-ordinator of AFSC, will speak and show slides on China on November 15th at Miss Porter's School, Farmington, Connecticut.
5. A letter was read from Bruce Baechler (who is working with a Peace Action group in Washington, D.C.) to the Hartford Meeting asking for a travel minute as he plans to visit other meetings. He is concerned about Meetings' allowing members to go and help to kill others, apparently without caring about that of God within those they attempt to destroy. The Meeting approved the request and agreed that a letter of acknowledgement be sent from a Friend to Bruce, speaking to his thoughts and hoping that he would include our Meeting on his travels.
6. Management report by James Carpenter was that Bob Kearney, former custodian at our Meeting, will return in a supervisory capacity to help improve the state of the Meetinghouse.

7. Clark Wheeler, young Friend of Watertown Meeting, formerly of our Meeting, came to tell us about a recent leadership conference at Powell House with about 20 New York and New England Yearly Meeting Friends. He asked if he could use money left over from that conference to help towards further conferences he plans to attend. The Meeting approved and encouraged him to apply to the conference fund if further financial help were needed.
8. The Max Paulins and the John Morgans will be asked to be our representatives to Quarterly Meeting at Mt Toby, Massachusetts November 21st and 22nd.
9. We now have a Quaker Bookshop in the library.
10. Bill Slivinski reported for Young Friends that a Hallowe'en party is planned for October 27th, a pot luck dinner for young singles and couples in November or December, and a list is being compiled by Max Paulin of college people needing rides and drivers willing to drive them to and from First Day Meeting for Worship. Connecticut Valley Young Friends plan a conference including a hike for the weekend of October 14 and 15 at the Meetinghouse.
11. Two attenders at our Meeting, Margaret Rohrer and Douglas Perkins, are being married on November 4, 1972, at the Meetinghouse by a Methodist minister, Gene Mulcahy. Friends are invited.
12. Jane Carpenter, who will be married this Saturday to Paul Keller, would like a travel minute from the Meeting, as they are going abroad and will stop at Friends Meetings. The Meeting approved. Marjorie Baechler will write the minute. Moses Bailey will officiate at the small family wedding in the Meetinghouse which, because of Paul's family being non-Quakers and non-practising Jews, will not be under the care of the Meeting. However, the Meeting will be there in spirit.
13. Appreciation was extended to Robert Brill and committee for the dedicated work done on expediting the Friends General Conference Central Committee Meeting on the weekend of October 6th. A profit of \$12.25 was given to the Conference Fund.
14. The check from the First Day School craft exhibit and food sale day last June was referred to the Finance Committee to decide, with a First Day School representative, where it should be donated.
15. Hostesses were requested on November 6th to serve refreshments to Honor Court, a meeting held at Police Court once a month for alcoholics on probation.
16. After a moment of silence, the Meeting adjourned to meet on November 9, 1972. 30 Friends were in attendance.

Mary Jane Carpenter
Mary Jane Carpenter, Clerk

Alice Cheney
Alice Cheney, Recording Clerk

November 9, 1972

1. The Meeting opened in silent worship, during which the Clerk read a passage from Thomas Kelly's Testament of Devotion emphasizing the need of community and a place to stand.
2. Helen Brill presented the report of Ministry and Counsel.
 - a. Sympathy and love are extended for current or recent illnesses experienced by the individual or his family for Paul Butterworth, Margaret Morrison, Mary Andrews, Elsa Cullen, Donna Hanselman, and Mary Jane Carpenter.
 - b. Letters were read from Nancy Warrington in Bogotá, Colombia, expressing warmth for the Meeting in receiving the Bulletin and from the Clerk to Bruce Baechler inviting him to visit our Meeting and stay at Friends House. As the latter was returned because of incorrect address Helen Brill will follow through on finding the correct one.
 - c. Irven and Muriel Roberts, formerly of our Meeting and Watertown Friends Meeting, are now Directors of Friends Home, Hingham, Massachusetts.
 - d. Twenty-eight Friends have signed up for Intra-visitation, and both vis-itees and Friends not yet signed up are encouraged to call upon people.
 - e. The Fall Seminar on Quaker Roots was summarized by John Morgan and plans for a spring session are open to suggestion by Friends. Appreciation was expressed for the enlightening sessions.
 - f. The November 1st Friends Journal contains the Hartford Monthly Meeting's "Queries for the Married" which came out of the Marriage Enrichment group of four couples who met monthly all last year.
3. For First Day School Dorothy Meshenuk reported that plans are going well. Substitutes are always needed. There will be a Crafts Day in communication through art and music on December 3rd, to continue each First Day until Christmas.
4. The Treasurer's report was given by Thomas Brown. From January 1, 1972, through October 31, 1972, \$11,200 was raised from contribution. \$7,800.00 is needed by December, 1972, to meet the budget. A recommendation was given to the Finance Committee to consider a higher distribution of our savings to the Connecticut Savings and Loan Association, a bank which is largely for black people.
5. John Morgan reported on the October Quarterly Meeting held at Mt. Toby, Massachusetts. A program on prison reform was presented. A discussion on change of Quarterly Meeting format brought forth that the program be after Meeting for Worship and that the business meeting be after lunch. Quarterly Meeting at Hartford Friends Meeting will be co-ordinated by Marjorie Baechler and Alice Cheney.
6. Virginia Costales reported on Peace and Social Concerns.
 - a. On November 15th Russell Johnson will speak on China at the Meetinghouse at 8 P.M.

- b. On November 16th at 7:30 P.M. Rosemary Zion will meet with court watcher volunteers to tell them about the court system.
- c. More cooperation and communication is needed to keep Peace and Social Concerns functioning well.
- 7. Florence Carpenter reported on the Yearly Meeting Peace and Social Concerns Committee which met at Mt. Toby, Massachusetts this fall. A Young Friend, Thomas Hodgson, from Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts, is visiting Friends Meetings under a Friendly concern and may come to visit us.
- 8. James Carpenter reported for Management that natural gas will be installed in the kitchen stove by First Day, November 12th.
- 9. Thomas Bodine announced a Clerks Meeting of New England Yearly Meeting to be held at Hartford Friends Meeting on December 2, 1972. Stephen Cary, Philadelphia Friend, will be the speaker.
- 10. Ellen Paullin stated a concern that announcements after Meeting for Worship were not being tolerated. After some discussion the Meeting suggested that we keep announcements brief and as much as possible related to Friends' concerns but that there be freedom to express them.
- 11. It was noted that Daphne Brown's paintings are hanging on the Library wall and are to be admired.
- 12. Twenty-four Friends were present at the Meeting.
- 13. The Meeting closed with silence, purposing to meet next in December on the 14th day.

Wendell Clepper
Wendell Clepper, Assistant Clerk

Alice Cheney
Alice Cheney, Recording Clerk

December 14, 1972

- 1. The Meeting opened with silent worship, during which the Clerk read from London Yearly Meeting Faith and Practice about Friends seeking to be channels for God's love and caring.
- 2. Ministry and Counsel:
 - a. Helen Brill reported that Sarah Cheney Hauschka's name needs to be removed from the membership list, as she is now of the Episcopal faith. The Meeting approved.
 - b. An official letter of transfer to Hartford Friends Meeting from Chestnut Hill, Pennsylvania, for John Hall Cushman and Marion Gaines Cushman and their children, Frederick Bennett, David Brand, and John Hall has arrived and was accepted by the Meeting. Alice Cheney and one other will welcome them by a visit.

3. Richard Boulton reported on the Finance Committee. The Meeting is \$8,000 short of meeting its budget as of December 14th. He suggested that Ministry and Counsel look at our membership to ascertain a clearer picture of contribution and distribution. Each committee is asked to send in its budget requests for the Finance Committee's January meeting.
4. James Carpenter reported for Management Committee that Fernando Valdez is our new custodian.
5. Friends House: Lydia Slivinski reported that she and her husband, William, had hosted several overnight guests and groups during the fall as well as six guests from Friends General Conference Committee Meeting held here, and also some Friends attending the Clerks Meeting in December.
6. Dorothy Meshenuk reported on First Day School for Patricia Bailey that continued responsibility by the whole Meeting is needed; that the extended family crafts programs now in process are a success and creating unity; that the "Seven Uppers" (our young people's group) need support and advice; and that a separate short meeting of worship for the young children be planned each First Day.
7. Virginia Costales reported on Peace and Social Concerns.
 - a. Court watching continues to be active and more clarified through Rosemary Zion's and Charles Pendleton's recent successful seminars. Volunteers are still needed to cover morning sessions.
 - b. A group, Committee on Concerned Citizens, is working toward establishing a night session at court so that wage-earners can keep their pay while appearing. The Committee wishes the Meeting's support in requesting Judge Daly to establish this. After discussion the Meeting approved that Virginia write letters to the five attorneys in our Meeting, alerting them to this need and asking their advice as to how to expedite a night session most effectively.
 - c. A New Haven Committee on Prison Reform sent us copies of an outline to read on alternatives to prison, specifically the Women's Prison in Niantic, Connecticut. The Committee asked for our interest and support. After discussion on how to accomplish this the Meeting approved that a qualified person be invited to speak to the Meeting on this subject in 1973.
 - . A film on prisons, "Intent to Harm," is available for borrowing and will be shown after Fellowship Luncheon some First Day.
 - d. The Meeting spoke of the need of Peace and Social Concerns to choose one or two projects at a time in view of the many incoming appeals, leaving the rest for later attention if the appeals warrant it.
 - e. The Clerk asked the Meeting for \$10.00 in support of an United Farm Workers ad at Christmas time. The Meeting approved.
8. The Meeting approved of supporting Project Equality by a letter of encouragement.
9. Robert Brill will take registrations for Quarterly Meeting to be held at Hartford Friends Meeting February 3 and 4, 1973.

10. A letter of thanks from Ruth Woodbridge, Clerk of Mt. Toby Meeting in Massachusetts, expressed appreciation for hospitality at the Clerks Meeting of New England Yearly Meeting held at Hartford Meeting December 3rd. Fifty people attended the informative all-day session, with Tom Hancock and Ernest Weed as a panel on the topic of the role of the Clerk, and a thoughtful talk by Steven Cary. Acknowledgement was also given to a letter of thanks received from Harold Bartram of FUM on the event of his stay here with Lorton Heusel of FGC last April. Laura and Richard Baltaro thanked the Meeting by letter for a wedding gift and for being under the care of the Meeting for their marriage.
11. As there was no further business, the Meeting adjourned after a closing period of silence.

Mary Jane Carpenter
Mary Jane Carpenter, Clerk

Alice Cheney
Alice Cheney, Recording Clerk

January 11, 1973

1. After a silent meeting for worship and meditation, the Meeting opened with a report from Ministry and Counsel.
2. Helen Brill reported for Ministry and Counsel that:
 - a. John Morgan will lead the Quarterly Meeting's Ministry and Counsel on February 3rd, on the subject, "The Spiritual Roots for our Social Concerns and Actions." Supper will precede the meeting.
 - b. The Meeting's Intravisitation Project of calls on Friends in their homes will be continued for another two months. All Friends are encouraged to take part. To date twenty-nine have.
 - c. John Morgan will conduct two spring seminars for Friends: On February 7, 14, and 21, the subject will be "A Dialogue between Quakers and Teilhard de Chardin." In April the second seminar will be held on the subject of Comparative Mysticism, at the Meetinghouse.
 - d. A new project of Ministry and Counsel is Marriage Counseling Resources. The Meeting now has available a list of professional counselors and their fees. Friends are reminded of the availability of the Meeting's Sharing Fund. Ministry and Counsel welcomes opportunities to be involved in lay counseling, recognizing the importance of trust and involvement.
3. The Clerk announced that a daughter, Lygeia, was born to Sylvia (Helfrick) and Stuart Smith on January 8th.
4. The Treasurer's report, given by Thomas Brown, treasurer, noted that the total income for the year ending December 31, 1972, was \$23,516.60 and the

total expenses for the year were \$24,532.04, leaving a deficit of \$1,015.44. The Finance Committee has approved the transfer of funds to make the balance in the Connecticut Savings and Loan Association, a black bank, total \$15,000. This transfer was completed on January 10, 1973. The Treasurer's report is attached to these Minutes.

5. Clark Wheeler of Watertown Friends Meeting reported on Connecticut Valley Young Friends' Activities. Traveling included New York with a United Nations seminar; Washington D.C.; Virginia; North Carolina (and a visit to Greensboro where Clark has been accepted at Guilford College for next fall.) Also visited were New England Young Friends Mid-Winter Conference near Boston and Pennsylvania in the Amish region. Appreciation was given for the excellent report.
6. Virginia Costales reported for Peace and Social Concerns.
 - a. A letter to Judge Daly would help to encourage night court.
 - b. The prison film, "Intent to Harm" will be shown on February 11th at the Meetinghouse at 11th hour before Fellowship luncheon.
 - c. Court monitoring needs more volunteers. Valeska Ginouvas is the coordinator for this. Learning, observing, and listening are important for new volunteers.
 - d. Virginia read an AFSC letter explaining the Justice Program and Joseph Payne's part in it.
 - e. Sylvia Helfrick asked the Meeting to think on the situation of overloaded dockets in court and that some arrests seem invalid.
7. The Clerk noted the marriage of Deborah Reik and Steven Sauter on December 30, 1972, in Hartford Friends Meetinghouse under the care of the Meeting.
8. Frederick Bennett Cushman wishes to not be transferred with his family to our membership as a junior member at this time.
9. The new Meeting Directories are ready with heartfelt thanks to Robert Brill and John and Linda Morgan for their many hours spent in mailing and printing them.
10. Marjorie Baechler reported that Quarterly Meeting, February 3rd and 4th, 1973, will be at Hartford Friends Meeting, with Daisy Newman as our speaker after meeting for worship. Business meeting will be after lunch. Alice Cheney, Thomas Mangan, and Sarah Morrison will volunteer to help on First Day and Robert Brill will assign overnight hospitality.
11. Three traveling Friends of New England Yearly Meeting will be going to Friends General Conference in Australia next summer 1973 and needing funds for expenses while there. They are Elmer Brown, Margaret Wentworth and Robert Lyon. The Meeting referred their request for some financial support to the Finance Committee to decide on the amount to be given.
12. The Yearly Meeting Ad Hoc Committee on Friends Retirement Needs have a concern and would like to come and talk about the future in terms of homes and property for retirement. Friends approved their coming and a time will be arranged.

13. The Meeting has been asked to participate in an exchange of prayer for Christian Unity Prayer Week with St. Mark the Evangelist Church on January 21st. The Meeting approved that Laurence Barbour, John Morgan and Mary Jane Carpenter write a letter expressing interest and desire to participate but maintaining the quality of silent worship during our prayers.
14. A report of the recent trip to Washington D.C. of the AFSC sponsored Convocation against war in Vietnam on January 3rd and 4th was given by Thomas Mangan, Donald Conant, and Mary Jane Carpenter as a panel. Nine attended from Hartford Meeting. The panel told of 2,500 clergy and lay people registered - over 50% from the midwest, 60% over thirty years old and four groups from Connecticut. Interviewed were Senators Abraham Ribicoff, William Cotter, Ramsay Clark, and Lowell Weicker.

A plan was suggested for a Conscience Weekend with a Meeting for Worship at the Meetinghouse on Inauguration Day Saturday, January 20th with lunch afterwards and an afternoon of letter writing to congressmen expressing opposition to war in Vietnam and other work or ways of being a witness. A vigil is planned Sunday afternoon by the Federal building in Hartford.
15. A letter from Frances Crowe, Mt. Toby Meeting, asked for representatives in each meeting to go to Washington D.C. Inauguration Day for a sit-in at congressmen's offices in order to bring legislature and the executive branch into balance. Francis Helfrick and others felt that more time and effort were needed and questioned changing legislature through annoyance methods. No action was taken.
16. The Meeting closed with the Clerk's reading of a prayer excerpt given by the minister in the Presbyterian Church at Washington D.C. Convocation on Vietnam.
17. Thirty-one Friends were present.

Mary Jane Carpenter
Mary Jane Carpenter, Clerk

Alice Cheney
Alice Cheney, Recording Clerk

February 8, 1973

1. The meeting was opened with a period of worship, prayer, and the reading of Query #1 by the clerk.
2. In view of the resignation of the recording clerk, the meeting approved replacement by Sylvia Helfrick for the remaining four months.
3. The clerk commented favorably on the more nearly circular seating arrangement for business meeting. She requested that meeting members lend their minds to working out ways of handling meeting business more rapidly and allow more time for dealing with additional concerns that do not fall under ordinary committee reports. Occasional Sunday Monthly Meeting was suggested, as well as previous posting of agenda enabling people to think over the items beforehand. Avoiding time-consuming announcements at monthly meeting by use of

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the bulletin board was considered, although it was also pointed out that a posted announcement does not carry the interest and thrust of one made in person.

4. Ministry and Counsel report was presented by Helen Brill:

- a. There was a brief period of silent meditation following report of the sudden death of Arthur Wolf's sister on February fifth.
- b. New England Yearly Meeting Ministry and Counsel is sponsoring five workshops at Yearly Meeting. Hartford will be responsible for one of them on Creative Listening. New England Ministry and Counsel is also planning a weekend conference at Lincoln, Massachusetts, on March 30 - April 1, on "Deepening our Spiritual Pilgrimage."
- c. Watertown Meeting now meets at 10 A.M. instead of 9:30 and Friends are encouraged to visit there.
- d. Wendell Clepper, who has been preparing a report on the Spiritual State of the Meeting, distributed cards on which Friends wrote their feelings and concerns.
- e. A letter from Bruce Baechler was read expressing his intention to refuse to register for the draft, and asking us to refuse to support the military in every way. Ministry and Counsel will reply, indicating our solid support of his decision. We would like all our young people to know that they have our support, wherever their consciences lead them in these matters. Bruce's letter triggered tonight a lengthy discussion of our need to re-think together our attitudes toward the war, payment of taxes, conscription, and peace testimony. It was decided to talk about these concerns this coming Sunday, February 11, at Eleventh Hour.

5. A most informative annual report of the Finance Committee was presented by Richard Boulton. Copies of the proposed 1973 budget were distributed and explained in detail. Special note was taken by Finance Committee to study thoroughly our relationship with the Nursery School and the appropriateness of terminating our scholarship contribution next year. With a few changes the proposed budget was approved.
6. For the Memorial Committee, Katherine Locke presented a proposal for a bronze or walnut plaque for inside and/or a brick wall outside to replace the fence on the south side of the meetinghouse, to hold names of deceased Friends. This proposal will be discussed at a subsequent business meeting.
7. An ad hoc committee was appointed to study the question of how to handle our property at 143 Maplewood Avenue. The Committee consists of: Gerda Conant, Thomas Bodine, Laurence or Lucia Barber, Bernard Wojan, Lydia or Bill Slivinski
8. Special appreciation was expressed for the tremendous job done by Thomas Brown this year as Treasurer, and to Richard Boulton and the Finance Committee.
9. Another ad hoc committee was appointed to make arrangements for the Powell House Weekend May 18 - 20: Ellen Paullin, Susan Conant, Marilyn Wojan, with others to be appointed by the clerk.
10. A request from Sylvia Kelsey Spotts of Columbia, Missouri, to withdraw her membership from this meeting was approved.

11. Three "thank you" notes were received: from Sylvia Smith for our gift of SMALL RAIN for Ligeia; from Quarterly Meeting for recent hospitality; and from Francis Wheeler of Pleasant Street Meeting for a visit from John Morgan last Sunday evening.
12. Ellen Paullin will be the "guest Quaker" on Mikeline on February 20th from 2 - 3 P.M., answering call-in questions about Quakerism.
13. Next week there will be a public hearing on re-establishing the death penalty in Connecticut. We approve of the gist of the former statement on the subject by this monthly meeting, and Richard Conant is requested to be present and to read that statement at the hearing, or to find another meeting member to do so.
14. Friends approved of holding here the meeting of New England Yearly Meeting Peace and Social Concerns Committee on April 7 and 8.
15. There was a final period of silence before the meeting adjourned, purposing to meet again on March 8, 1973.

Mary Jane Carpenter
Mary Jane Carpenter, Clerk

Sylvia M. Helfrick
Sylvia M. Helfrick, Recording Clerk

March 8, 1973

1. A period of worship opened our meeting, and the clerk read a letter from Arthur Wolf in which he shared some inspiring words from the memorial service for his sister, Wynne Lyon.
2. Our member, Jacqueline Everett Parton, died on February 27, 1973. A memorial minute will be written by Beatrice Coward.
3. Ministry and Counsel report was presented by Helen Brill.
 - a. Bill McNeil visited with Bruce Baechler on February 17th and they discussed Bruce's intention to refuse to register for selective service.
 - b. An all-day ministry and counsel workshop was held on February 24th on the subject of counselling. A list of appropriate counsellors will shortly be available to individuals and families who feel in need of such service.
 - c. Copies of the State of Society Report, compiled by Wendell Clepper, were distributed and discussed.
 - d. The Mood of Friends sheet, derived from comments written at last business meeting, was considered at length. The importance of trying to make better communications with Young Friends and new attenders was stressed. Coffee hours seem particularly helpful in strengthening our fellowship. Suggestion was made that next year we have a proportion of Eleventh Hours spent as informal coffee hours rather than a more structured program. No decision was arrived at and the subject will be discussed further at a

subsequent business meeting. Since our Meeting is so large and it is possible that more intimacy might be helpful, the possibility of neighborhood worship groups was considered as an answer. The Meeting does not wish to set up formal meetings in place of the present meeting for worship, but feels it is appropriate for any Friends who wish to worship separately closer to home to do so.

4. Thanks were expressed by the meeting to Bill and Lydia Slivinski for the lovely gatherings in their home prior to business meetings.
5. Friends are urged to volunteer to supervise children during Eleventh Hour occasionally, to free young parents to take advantage of other activities.
6. Theodore Paullin gave the annual report of the Recorder, including the report of the ushering committee. Total membership this year was 245 - last year, 259. Average attendance at meeting for worship was this year 65 - last year, 80.
7. The memorial wall and/or plaques referred to last month was reconsidered. Lucia Barber suggested instead a memorial book with pictures and writings of deceased Friends. The memorial committee will give this further consideration.
8. SANE has hired a professional field worker named Tom Howarth to work in Connecticut on the issues of the War Powers Act, disarmament, economic conversion, increase in the military budget, cutbacks in domestic spending. He would like to use a room for an office in our meetinghouse. He is an independent worker so no group use would be involved. The meeting approved allowing SANE to have such appropriate office space with us.
9. Henry Baechler and Bill Slivinski were appointed Overseers for the Good Friday Witness for Peace on April 20 on Boston Common.
10. Peace and Social Concerns Committee report was presented by Florence Carpenter.
 - a. New England Yearly Meeting Peace and Social Concerns will meet here in Hartford on April 7 and 8 and arrangements have been made to entertain them appropriately. The Saturday evening meeting with a speaker will be open to the public.
 - b. The National Committee to Repeal the Draft is working hard to abolish Selective Service. The meeting approved of a statement composed by Peace and Social Concerns and read by Florence Carpenter. The meeting appointed Lucia Barber, and one other member will be appointed by Peace and Social Concerns to take this statement in person to Senator Abraham Ribicoff and to Representatives Ella Grasso and William Cotter.
 - c. Concern was expressed for the distressed people of Wounded Knee, South Dakota. If federal marshals have already gone in violently we should condemn it, and if they have not yet gone in violently we should urge them not to. Rosemary Zion and Valeska Ginouves were appointed to compose and send a telegram to appropriate federal officials.
 - d. Valeska Ginouves reported on the court watching program. Joe Payne is no longer working for the AFSC in this program and his successor has yet to be appointed. More participation is needed to gather information, especially on instances of alleged police brutality and to devise means of providing redress of grievances to try to improve our system of justice.

11. After several announcements, the meeting was brought to a close with an interval of silence, with the intention of meeting next on April 12, 1973.

Mary Jane Carpenter
Mary Jane Carpenter, Clerk

Sylvia M. Helfrick
Sylvia M. Helfrick, Recording Clerk

April 12, 1973

1. The Meeting was opened with a brief period of silent worship.
2. A memorial minute for Jacqueline Everett Parton, written by Beatrice Coward, was read with appreciation. Robert Brill was appointed to send copies to the members of her family.
3. A note of appreciation for the Meeting's support has been received from the Parton family.
4. A letter has been received from Dallas Monthly Meeting asking that Talmadge, Edith Shepherd, Laura, Robert, and Alice be received into the fellowship of our Meeting. ^{Niece}
5. William Rawley, now living in California, has asked by letter that he be dropped from membership.
6. The preliminary report of the Nominating Committee has been presented. The major positions remaining to be filled are those of Recording Clerk, co-chairman of the Hospitality Committee, chairman of the Peace and Social Concerns Committee, and chairman of the First Day School Committee. Nominations were included for two new Meeting committees, one on Family and Marriage Enrichment, and one for a Friends' Cookbook.
7. The Nominating Committee, anxious that ways be found for participation in the life of the Meeting by those Friends who find it difficult to attend evening committee meetings, recommended that a Committee on Communications be formed under the ex-officio chairmanship of the Clerk for the purpose of keeping in touch with those members who are non-resident or who are unable to attend meetings regularly. The Meeting, taking cognizance of the fact that the Bulletin Committee has been carrying out this function, gave approval to the change.
8. The problem of the organization of the Peace and Social Concerns Committee was also brought to the Meeting as a concern of the Nominating Committee. Following a discussion, the hope was expressed that the Peace and Social Concerns Committee would organize itself to meet its own needs, taking into account the desirability to have someone act as convenor.
9. Thanks were expressed to all those who contributed to the success of the New England Yearly Meeting's Peace and Social Concerns Committee meetings last weekend.

10. The First Day School Committee report was presented. The Committee hopes the Meeting will attempt to formulate a philosophy of religious education which would encompass both the First Day School and the Eleventh Hour activities. The participation of the Meeting in the problems of the First Day School should be encouraged. A need exists for teachers, for integration of the education and the activities of children and adults wherever possible, and for a consistent program for preparing children for participation in Meeting for Worship.
11. A report of the Cleaver Memorial Fellowship Committee was presented by Patricia Ritter and Theodore Paullin. Contributions of \$10,657.00 have been received, which, with interest, amounts to \$11,396.95. Two young people have been aided by the Fellowship, one having received an outright gift of \$500 and the other loans for tuition payments which have been repaid to the Fund on regular monthly installments.
12. Powell House weekend will be held from May 18 - 20th. The suggestion was made that the Meeting should pay the amount due for the weekend with the understanding that those who are able will pay as much of the cost as they can, thus making the burden fall on those who can afford it rather than on those who would otherwise need to ask for help. Friends approved.
13. Paul Butterworth has offered a gift of more shelves for the Library. The Meeting accepted joyfully, hoping that it will stimulate the purchase of books.
14. Quarterly Meeting will be held in Storrs on May 6. Thomas Brown and Laurence and Lucia Barber have been named representatives.
15. After a period of worship the Meeting, which was attended by thirty-one people, adjourned, planning to meet again on the tenth day of the Fifth Month.

Mary Jane Carpenter
Mary Jane Carpenter, Clerk

Lucia Barber (H.B.)
Lucia Barber, Recording Clerk

May 10, 1973

1. The Meeting was opened by a period of silent worship.
2. Hartford Monthly Meeting has been contributing small amounts from June to December to the local office of the United Farm Workers Union. George Sheridan gave us a briefing tonight on the current situation regarding problems of farm workers, particularly grape workers.
 - a. He would like us to view a film on the U.F.W.
 - b. He also called for women volunteers to visit Dan Lufkin, Commissioner of O.E.P. in Connecticut, to bring pressure to bear regarding hiring of women as grape workers in California by a company in which Lufkin has an interest.
 - c. George Sheridan also asks for volunteers to talk to people at supermarkets regarding these issues.
 - d. He also requested additional financial contribution from Hartford Meeting to further his work.

Friends approved of resuming a contribution of \$20.00 monthly to George Sheridan as of January 1973 through December 1973, to be taken from monies allocated in current budget to an AFSC worker and as yet unused.

One encouraging move reported is that last week the Boston Division of A & P grocery chain agreed to buy only union lettuce.

3. Examples of alleged police brutality in the city of Hartford were detailed by Mary Forman and by Ronald Cretaro of AFSC Hartford Group. Friends adopted a resolution along with the Committee of Conscience of Citizens for Justice and agreed to send copies on meetinghouse letterhead individually to the nine council persons. Friends are asked to attend city council meetings, and hearings when possible, when police/public relations are to be discussed to express publicly our concern for citizens who are treated unjustly. The AFSC Hartford Group is sending individual copies of a letter about the relationship of Hartford citizens with the police to the council persons.
4. Ministry and Counsel is glad to recommend the membership of Rosemary Zion and Friends approved. Rosemary is recuperating from recent surgery. She and her husband expect to move in the near future to Montana where Rosemary has been appointed legal counsel to the state legislature. Robert Iosco and Sylvia Helfrick will visit to welcome her officially.
5. James Carpenter reports that our janitor has recently resigned and the Meeting approved of offering maintenance work on our property first to interested young Friends aged eighteen or over. Our former custodian, Bob Kearney, has agreed to supervise.
6. Max Paulin presented a report of the Nursery School. The Nursery School Board is a June to June board and is establishing now their operations for the coming year. If Mrs. Camp retires within the next few years that may be an appropriate time at which to make any necessary changes in the relationship between the Nursery School and the Meeting.
7. Copies of the Nominating Committee report were distributed by Ralph Williams, chairman. The report was approved as presented with comments of appreciation to the Nominating Committee. The Meeting appointed Wendell Clepper as the third member of the Nominating Committee, to serve for three years, and Grace Fogg as a member of the Yearly Meeting Ministry and Counsel.
8. The ad hoc committee for the 143 Maplewood Avenue house makes the following suggestions for its use after the present occupants leave at the end of the summer and urgent repairs are made:
 1. Meeting custodian residence,
 2. Meeting members with special needs,
 3. Rental on a commercial basis to a minority family,or possibly all three. A trial period of a few months seems important to judge whether a potential janitor will work in a satisfactory manner.
9. Forty-six adults and twenty-four children are expected to attend the Powell House Weekend May 18 - 20.
10. The Meeting appointed Moses and Mabel Bailey to write travelling minutes

for Emily and Arthur Rinden, who will travel to Kenya, and for Thomas Bodine, who will travel to New Zealand.

11. Friends are urged by Gerda Wallach to visit Harriet Pulver of Torrington.
12. The meeting was closed with a period of silence, purposing to meet again on June 14, 1973.

Mary Jane Carpenter
Mary Jane Carpenter, Clerk

Sylvia M. Helfrick
Sylvia M. Helfrick, Recording Clerk

June 14, 1973

1. The Meeting opened with a brief period of worship.
2. Helen Brill reported for Ministry and Counsel. John Fogg, a member of our Meeting, died last Seventh Day. A Memorial Meeting was held on Third Day evening. Wendell Clepper was asked to write a memorial minute for our records. A copy is to be sent to the Meeting to which John Fogg previously belonged - Clear Creek Meeting in McNab, Illinois.
3. Having received applications for membership, and having visited with each applicant, Ministry and Counsel recommends that Scott Ritter, Thomas Mangen, and Harriet Pulver be accepted into the fellowship of our Meeting. The Meeting approved and appointed Marjorie Baechler and Lucia Barber to call on Scott Ritter; Elizabeth Hathaway and Robert Iosco to welcome Thomas Mangen; and Carl and Daphne Brown to call on Harriet Pulver.
4. A report from John Morgan will be presented next First Day morning covering his activities during his released period and expressing all that the time he has spent with this Meeting has meant to him.
5. The Meeting is reminded that it is expected to provide leadership for the workshop meetings on Creative Listening at Yearly Meeting.
6. Elsa Cullen has accepted chairmanship of Ministry and Counsel to take effect when she returns from her vacation trip to Europe.
7. Winona MacCalmont reported for the Clothing Committee. Although the Committee has continued to receive and process clothing, its activities have been curtailed because of a shortage of workers. The Committee regrets that they have not been able to make any new things. They have, however, processed 1800 pounds of clothing which have been sent to the Service Committee in Philadelphia. Some men's clothing and bed linens have been given to Halfway House. Some clothing and small items such as purses which could be used as prizes at parties have been given to the Connecticut Valley Mental Hospital. A few things have been given to individuals. The rest, mostly clothing in very poor condition and material unsuitable for other uses, has been donated to the Salvation Army.

8. Virginia Dato has agreed to be Chairman of the First Day School Committee. A Junior Meeting for Worship will be held each month on the same day as Fellowship Luncheon. Adult members are asked to join the Meeting occasionally, remembering, should they be moved to take part in the worship, that children are particularly sensitive and that inspiration should be the same as in an adult Meeting for Worship. Children are to be encouraged to take part in future coffee hours with suitable refreshments available for them.
9. Thomas Bodine reported for the committee appointed to consider the possible uses for 143 Maplewood Avenue. The house has been in bad condition for some years because the Meeting had in mind the possibility of tearing it down. When John Morgan came last year, the house was patched up so that his family might occupy it. Now that they are about to leave, the committee which consisted of Thomas Bodine, Convenor, the clerk ex-officio, Lydia Slivinski, Bernard Wojan, Lucia Barber, James Carpenter, and Gerda Conant has had two meetings during which several possible uses were considered. These have included using it for housing for the aged, or for families of different ages. Because of the small size of the existing house and the small area of land involved, and also because of the West Hartford zoning laws, it seems impractical to tear down the building at this time. Since rental properties are comparatively scarce in West Hartford and since funds are available from past rentals to repair the roof and make other necessary repairs, the committee recommended that it should be fixed up and rented. Consideration of possible renters included a member of a minority group, possibly a professional with family temporarily assigned to work in the Hartford area, a woman attender of the meeting with two children who needs a three-bedroom apartment, or someone who might help with maintenance of Meeting property. The committee decided to recommend renting to the Meeting attender, who had been especially anxious to bring up her children close to the Meeting.

The recommendation of the committee was accepted by the Meeting, noting that a woman who is head of a household is in fact a member of a minority. The Meeting asked that an agreement be worked out concerning the rental, and stating a period of time be included for review of the situation, and that a committee be appointed to exert a continuing care of 143 Maplewood Avenue. Lydia Slivinski is to be Convenor, with other members James Reik, Ruth Lilienthal, Thomas Bodine, and the chairman of the Management Committee, ex officio. The committee is to determine the wording of the agreement and to decide on the period for re-evaluation of the rental situation.
10. Mary Forman, reporting for Social Concerns, expressed appreciation for the thirteen members of the Meeting who attended the Hartford City Council Meeting which discussed the problems of alleged police brutality in the Belview Square Area.
11. Social Concerns has requested that an ad hoc committee be formed to oversee a pilot program in court watching in Hartford. Ron Cretaro, who has been helping as a volunteer, has been so effective that the committee wishes to hire him part time in order to give direction to their activities. They plan to pay him \$75 a week for three eight to ten-hour days plus evening meetings. He is covered by medical insurance, but, in addition, the committee wishes to budget \$12 a week for expenses plus the employer's contribution for Social Security. Out of an estimated budget of \$2175 plus the Social Security contributions the committee has already raised \$1100. The Meeting agreed to match their contribution, taking the

money from the unexpended portion of the amount in the Meeting's present budget for the abandoned AFSC Court Watchers Project.

Concern was expressed that the Meeting should be prepared to support this project broadly and not just financially and that a definite program be developed. The work of Ron Cretaro will consist of coordinating the work of the committee, of gathering and correlating all pertinent information, and of spreading such information to other groups in the community. Friends approved the appointment of an ad hoc committee and appointed as members Thomas Bodine, Mary Forman, Beatrice Coward, Valerie Ginouves, Florence Carpenter, and Gerda Conant and James Reik, subject to their consent.

12. Delightfully written traveling minutes, prepared by Mabel and Moses Bailey, were read for Ralph Williams who is shortly returning to Kenya to teach for three years, for Emily and Arthur Rinden who are to visit East Africa, and for Thomas Bodine who will be going to Australia and New Zealand.
13. Rebecca Banis, who has been worshipping with us, can secure a second-hand stove in excellent condition for \$125. The Meeting expressed interest and appointed Lydia Slivinski to investigate, approving the purchase.
14. Friends General Conference has requested that Meetings explore the nature and problems of human sexuality. Thomas Bodine reported that the working committee appointed to prepare materials for use in local meetings has met periodically and with phenomenal attendance. Since their work will probably not be completed for another year, it is suggested that the Rufus Jones lecture for this year, which is by Mary Calderon and is to be printed shortly, might be used as a basis for preliminary discussions. The Meeting agreed to order a large number, and appointed a committee consisting of Robert Brill, Convenor, Lydia and William Slivinski, Elsa Cullen, Thomas Bodine, and Henry Baechler to set up meetings for discussion, either over a weekend or on weekday evenings in order to give plenty of time for discussion.
15. The clerk called attention of members to the fact that application forms are available for Yearly Meeting Equalization Fund requests.
16. A send-off party for Ralph Williams will be held next Fourth Day evening.
17. Jack Akenga, a member of East Africa Yearly Meeting, and a regular attendee at our Meeting, has been living with Ralph Williams. Ralph Williams announced that Jack will receive a scholarship from the University of Hartford which will cover his board and room as well as his tuition for his last year, but he may be in need of hospitality at those periods when the dormitory is closed. Elsa Cullen will be his contact with the Meeting.
18. Members are urged to consult the Bulletin Board where a number of summer activities are described.
19. Noting that the coffee hour is valuable both for getting to know new members better and also for evangelistic purposes among our attenders, Margaret Morrison requested clarification on whether the Meeting had reached accord on the number of coffee hours to be held each month. She also urged the Eleventh Hour Committee not to be so vigorous in planning their

program that no chance was left for flexibility. Since the following discussion indicated that no clearance exists now on these matters, the Meeting proposes to consider the questions again in the fall, trusting that as members discuss them over the vacation they may work towards a meeting of minds.

20. The meeting adjourned, planning to gather again on the 13th of Ninth Month.

Mary Jane Carpenter
Mary Jane Carpenter, Clerk

Lucia Barber (H.B.)
Lucia Barber, Recording Clerk

September 13, 1973

1. The Meeting opened with a brief period of silence, with Donald Warrington acting as clerk in the absence of Mary Jane Carpenter.
2. Helen Brill reported for Ministry and Council, in the absence of Elsa Cullen, for the period of July, August and September.
3. Laurel Brill has requested change from Junior to Adult membership, and Ministry and Council has approved the action and welcomed her to membership.
4. Mary Des Rosiers has requested membership in our meeting. Sylvia Helfrick and Kiki Wolf reported on their visit with her and both strongly recommend that she be welcomed into the Meeting. Dorothea Kelsey and Robert Brill have been asked to welcome her.
5. Two Junior members, Margery Fogg and Sylvia Helfrick Smith, who no longer live in this area, have asked to have their names removed from membership. Recognizing the necessity for the requests, the Meeting acceded to them, and Margery Fogg and Sylvia Helfrick Smith have been dropped from membership.
6. Hartford's year-long representative on New England Yearly Meeting Committee on Ministry and Council is Jeanne Clepper. In her absence, Grace Fogg will attend the retreat of that committee this coming weekend.
7. The death of Waldron Beekley, a friend of the Meeting, has been noted.
8. Bruce Baechler, arrested while praying at the White House, was found guilty and will be sentenced on October 15.
9. Friends are urged to write to Rosemary Zion, Raleigh Bailey, Pat Bailey, John and Linda Morgan and Ralph Williams.
10. Friends are urged to accept responsibility for sharing in the worship with Watertown Meeting.

11. Ministry and Council have been exploring the possibilities of sponsoring a series of study groups on the subject of Death and Dying. While the Committee does not wish to conflict with the study sessions on Human Sexuality, they are anxious to explore the extent of interest in the Meeting. Pertinent material will be placed on a shelf in the Library. 25 copies of "Coming Full Circle Toward an Understanding of Death" have been ordered. Ministry and Council has proposed a series of eight meetings on

1. Legal aspects of death.
2. Medical aspects of death.
3. Religious teachings about death.
4. Living with death. Terminal illness and support for the dying.
5. Life v. death - living in the light of death. How do we live to the full and accept "I will die."
6. Towards a Quaker testimony on death.
7. A death in the family. The how and why of handling direct involvement.
8. My life and death. Practical preparation for the end of life.

Ellen Paullin has suggested that since no plans have yet been made for the Eleventh Hour program for February and March that this series might be scheduled at that time.

12. Emily Rinden reported on the visits which she and Arthur Rinden made to Friends Meetings in London, Nairobi and Kimosi, and read travelling minutes from each.
13. Ginnie Datto reported for the First Day School Committee, sharing with the Meeting the letter which had been sent to all parents at the beginning of the year, and outlining plans for the coming months. On each Fellowship Luncheon Day, First Day School will hold a Family Sunday, with parents joining their children for short period of worship, to be followed by a short talk by an adult, and ending with a period of singing. The first speaker was Peggy Morrison who, in Quaker costume of by-gone days, told a story about William Penn. Regular classes will meet on other First Days, with the first half year's meetings centering on Quakerism, using the book, "The Quaker Way."
14. Ellen Paullin reported for the Eleventh Hour Committee, and presented a schedule of proposed meetings. A copy is appended to these minutes.
15. Lydia Slivinski reported for the Committee on Human Sexuality. They have drawn up plans for a series of five meetings. The schedule as proposed is appended to the Minutes.
16. Tom Howarth reported on the activities of SANE. The organization is concerned with problems arising from national military spending and activities. It seeks to carry out a lobbying effort to help switch national priorities from military to peaceful activities through making contact with all possible interested organizations and individuals. The continuing support of Friends was solicited, and Friends expressed approval and requested guidelines for ways in which they might cooperate with SANE.
17. A letter was read from Harriet Pulver, expressing her joy at becoming a member of the Meeting.

18. Connie and Morry Way have written thanking the Meeting for their good-by party and gift.
19. A letter from Bernard and Mary Lung who expressed their pleasure at being back in Kenya and their excitement at seeing the complete eclipse of the sun. They reported they have shared their "stamp" money with James Hyuga Ehagi, a poor student who needed help. A letter was also received from James, thanking the Meeting for the help extended through the Lung'ahos.
20. A letter from Richard and Laura Baltaro reported that Richard was applying for citizenship, and that since he was claiming CO status that the judge had requested a statement from the Meeting, which has been sent.
21. The Meeting was in accord that the tradition of sending a six month's subscription to Friends Journal to students leaving home for the first time should be continued.
22. Tom Brown presented a report on the Meeting's financial condition. So far only \$11,380 has been received against a total estimated budget of \$28,280. Calling attention to the low level of contributions received and to the drain on the Meeting's reserve funds due in part to repairs on the Maplewood Ave. property, he expressed the hope that contributions will increase so that the Meeting can meet its obligations.
23. Richard Boulton, reminding the Meeting that charity should begin at home, recommended that those who normally wait until the end of the year should consider their obligations to the Meeting and make their contributions now.
24. Marjorie Baechler, reporting for the Cookbook Committee, requested a loan from the meeting to cover the cost of having the cookbook reproduced. After discussion, the Meeting approved an advance of up to \$500 for this project, on the understanding that all receipts and proceeds from it shall be returned to the Meeting.
25. Val Genouves for the Peace and Social Concerns Committee reported that the Court Monitoring program is beginning this week. After introducing the committee's staff member, Ron Cretaro, she then introduced B. Sisk of the Connecticut Citizens for Judicial Modernization. This group is forming a survey committee to make a full report on the actual conditions and procedures taking place in every court in Connecticut during the period of October 1-5. From the material gathered by volunteers, using a carefully designed questionnaire, information will be secured to be used as the basis for draft legislation for the reorganization and unification of the state's courts. This report will be due on or before March 1, 1974. The Meeting agreed to support this project, and Val Ginouves has been named coordinator for the project.
26. Quarterly Meeting will be held at Mt. Toby on October 20-21.
27. Friends Committee on National Legislation is holding a fall conference on September 28-30.

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28. Ruth Fitch expressed her pleasure at being able to live at 143 Maplewood Ave., and hopes Friends will call.
29. The Meeting adjourned, planning to meet again on October 11.

Mary Jane Carpenter
Mary Jane Carpenter, Clerk

Lucia Barber (H.B.)
Lucia Barber, Recording Clerk

Friends are encouraged to share their reactions and suggestions to Wendell Clepper, reminding Friends that all have pastoral duties, and taking responsibility for them is a way to building strength.

8. The Nursery School has asked to extend their hours on Wednesday until 2:30. The Meeting approved. The time has come to rethink the relation of the Nursery School and the Meeting and a committee is approved to begin to consider what Friends wish to do in the future, and this seems an appropriate time to review the situation. Gerda Conant, Lydia Slivinski, the present co-chairman of the Nursery School committee, Ann Paulin, Cynthia Reik and Mary DesRossiers have been named to it, with the clerk asked to add one person from the management committee to consider problems of building usage. Friends approved.
9. A request has been received for the Marriage Enrichment Group of New England Yearly Meeting to meet here on the first weekend in November, from Friday evening through Sunday. It would involve use of the Meeting House and the Hospitality House and possibly some hospitality in Friends' homes. The group hopes to profit from the Meeting's five evenings of study on human sexuality, hoping local Friends will be able to contribute to the weekend. Friends approved.
10. Thomas Bodine has safely returned from Australia and New Zealand and has brought greetings from the 12th Triennial Meeting of the Asian-Pacific Conference of Friends World Committee for Conciliation, and his travelling minute has been returned with greetings from meetings in Sydney, Wilangara (allowed meeting), Hamilton, Wellington, Christchurch, Dunedin and Auckland Monthly Meetings. Friends look forward to sharing some slides from his trip at a dinner meeting on Thursday, November 15.
11. Sylvia Helfrick reported on the weekend which was held to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Friends Committee on National Legislation. The celebration was at Geneva Point at Lake Winnapasaukee, New Hampshire. The program included reports on various pieces of legislation in fields of military spending, medical services, environmental matters and other programs in which Friends are particularly interested.

The Neecees are contacts for the FCNL and they wish to share the literature they receive with other Friends. They have sent several telegrams to Representative Cotter and Senator Weikert. Talmadge Neece reported on FCNL work on pending bills on public health services and requested help from Friends in the FCNL work in development of a socially responsible comprehensive public health service.

Friends approved holding an anniversary dinner for the FCNL in the spring. The Neecees, Sylvia Helfrick, Ruth Fitch, Jeanne Clepper and Bob Brill are named to help make the plans.

12. Henry Baechler, for the Nominating Committee, reported that the chairman of the Library Committee is unable to continue and suggestions are needed for a replacement. Winona MacCalmont is unable to continue as representative to Church Women United and Emily Rinden will take her place.

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13. The representatives to Mt. Toby Quarterly Meeting on Sunday, the 21st of October, will be Ellen and Ted Paullin, with the Meeting resting assured that the Brills and the Baechlers will also be going. Dorothea Kelsey hopes to go with Tom Brown.
14. Ron Cretera, for the Court Watching Program, reported that the Committee will be sharing its works on concerns Sunday, this coming First Day.
15. The Meeting has requested that a large calendar be prepared listing all the meetings to be held in the Meeting House each month and placed on the bulletin board.
16. On October 21, following the coffee hour, Friends are requested to be prepared to stay on for a while to help with work around the grounds.
17. A project has been approved of selling paperback books in order to raise money for the FCNL. Members are asked to contribute paperback books, which will then be sold for a quarter. Friends approved.
18. Letters from Ralph Williams were read. Ralph requests a sojourning minute so that he may take part in the business meeting in Kimosa. The Meeting approves, happily, and the clerk will prepare and send an appropriate letter.
19. Letters were read from Rosemary Zion, from Raleigh Bailey and from the Morgans.
20. May 17-19 will be Powell House weekend. The committee for it will be named in November.
21. Bea Coward and Marge Baechler are asked to explore the costs and methods of placing advertisements for our Meeting for Worship in various papers and to bring in recommendation and an estimate of probable costs.
22. The third Thursday in January, the 17th, a pot luck supper will be held, with Arthur Rinden showing his slides of African animals following it.
23. The meeting, following a silence, was concluded with the intention of meeting again on the 8th of November.

Mary Jane Carpenter
Mary Jane Carpenter, Clerk

Sylvia M. Helfrick
Sylvia M. Helfrick, Recording Clerk

November 8, 1973

1. The Meeting was opened with the reading of the fourth query, followed by a period of worship.

2. Elsa Cullen, for Ministry and Counsel, recommended that Katherine Smedley be accepted as a member. She is a birthright Friend, who having been separated from membership, now desires to reassociate herself with Friends. The Meeting approved, and Dorothea Kelsey and Elsa Cullen have been appointed to call on her and welcome her into our Meeting.
3. Florence Carpenter, for the Peace and Social Concerns Committee, read a letter which they had prepared to send to our Congressmen and Senators, asking them to work to stop the shipment of arms to Isreal, to call for an investigation of our continued involvement in Southeast Asia in regard to both men and financial support, and to work for decreasing the amount of military spending on the part of our government, particularly in regard to the development of the B-2 bomber. After discussion the meeting expressed its interest, made some suggestions concerning the wording, and urged members to write to their representatives and senators expressing concern on these matters.
4. A concern was expressed for the Sheridans, a family of the Farm Workers Union, who have a very low income, suggesting that Friends might wish to bring some fresh foods or canned fruits to Fellowship luncheon to share with them.
5. Talmadge Neece reported for the Friends Committee on Legislation that now is the time to encourage our Senators and Congressmen to move to cut the 77 billion dollars requested for the military appropriations bill, since this will be brought up in the House of Representatives within the next ten days. Friends are reminded that a mailgram, costing \$2 for up to 100 words can be phoned in before five in the afternoon and will be delivered the next morning.
6. Henry Baechler, for the Nominating Committee, reported that Mary Forman has resigned as our representative on the Greater Hartford Group Homes Committee. The Committee recommends that Jeanne Clepper be appointed in her place, and the Meeting approved.
7. Edith Neece, while willing to continue on the Hospitality Committee, feels she can no longer be chairman, and Friends are asked to recommend a replacement.
8. Ted and Ellen Paullin were our representatives at Quarterly Meeting. Betsy Young reported on the discussion. Names were collected on printed petitions urging the impeachment of the President. Ted Paullin reported that the two Meetings in Worcester, long separated, have now begun to worship together. Quarterly Meeting also discussed the techniques of reaching consensus among Friends. Betsy Young particularly emphasized how delicious the food served was...
9. Quarterly Meeting will be held here on February 4. Robert Brill will assist the clerk in preparing a flyer for it. Jack Akenga will speak on Friends in East Africa--hopefully before the Business Meeting.
10. Emily Rinden, our representative to Church Women United of Greater Hartford, reported on the Luncheon held for World Community Day.

11. The Human Sexuality Committee has concluded its series of meetings, which were helpful and stimulating. Requests were received to continue the series, and a committee has been set up to continue this project in the spring. Friends are asked to consider what pertinent recommendations might be made to Friends General Conference and New England Yearly Meeting, and also to consider the possibility of helping them to formulate a query on sexuality. At present, only New England Yearly Meeting and London Yearly Meeting have such a query.
12. Arthur Rinden will give a talk and show slides on East Africa following Fellowship Luncheon next First Day.
13. A fellowship supper will be held next Fifth Day, followed by the showing of slides taken by Tom Bodine on his recent trip to Australia and New Zealand.
14. The Warringtons are moving to Philadelphia where Don will work as a Finance Director for the YMCA, beginning the day after Thanksgiving. The clerk will consult with the Warringtons in order to arrange a leave-taking party for them. While the Meeting will feel a sense of great loss with their departure, we realize that the move is a good one for them.
15. The clerk has circulated a letter from New England Yearly Meeting in which they have asked us to consider and discuss a minute from California Yearly Meeting in which they have asked Friends to come to unity on a statement concerning Friends' allegiance to Jesus Christ as Head of the Church. Recognizing that this is a matter where strong divisive opinions exist, the Meeting agreed that it will be taken under advisement, hoping that a statement acceptable to all may be reached at some time in the near future.
16. A letter from Ralph Williams has been read, requesting that we send some contributions of clothing from the Sewing Committee to be used for some of the students at the school. He also asked if some Friends would be willing to share a home with a former student providing the University of Hartford will give free tuition. Ralph will pay for his books and provide his spending money. The Meeting agreed to send the clothing and to consider the possibility of finding a way of meeting his other request.
17. Bea Coward, having been asked to find out how much it would cost to put an ad in the church announcement columns of the newspapers in this area has submitted her report. Considering the cost, from \$2.50 to \$5.00 per inch per Sunday, the meeting decided that it would be foolish to put in such an ad for just a few weeks and disastrous financially to advertise continuously. Other means will be considered including sending out bulletins to the colleges in the area.
18. After a time of silence, the Meeting adjourned, to meet again on the 13th of December.

Mary Jane Carpenter
Mary Jane Carpenter, Clerk

Sylvia M. Helfrick
Sylvia M. Helfrick, Recording Clerk

FINANCE REPORT

HARTFORD MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS

Balance Sheet, December 31, 1973

ASSETS

Cash in checking account	\$ 3,228.61	
Cash in savings accounts	<u>27,777.29</u>	
Total cash (Schedule A)		\$31,005.90
Receivables for 1973 contributions		1,853.63
Books and pamphlets for resale		<u>357.69</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>\$33,217.22</u>

LIABILITIES AND EQUITIES

Accounts payable (Schedule B)	1,663.31	
Accrued payroll taxes	280.70	
Accrued real estate taxes on houses	<u>677.61</u>	
TOTAL LIABILITIES		2,621.62

EQUITIES

General Fund Surplus, January 1,	\$13,077.66	
Deduct 1973 deficit	<u>323.50</u>	
December 31		12,754.16
Other Funds (Schedule C)		15,744.08
Reserve for Major repairs to building, equipment & furniture (Schedule D)		2,054.05
Reserve for major repairs, Maplewood Properties (Schedule E)	DEFICIT	(250.69)
1974 contributions received in 1973	<u>294.00</u>	
TOTAL EQUITIES		<u>30,595.60</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITIES		<u>\$33,217.22</u>

HARTFORD MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS
December 31, 1973

Schedule A:

Cash:

Hartford National Bank & Trust Co.	\$ 3,228.61	
Society for Savings	3,536.88	
Connecticut Savings & Loan Assn.	12,757.25	
Connecticut Savings & Loan Assn.		
Cleaver Memorial Scholarship Fund	<u>11,483.16</u>	
TOTAL CASH		\$31,005.90

Schedule B:

Accounts Payable:

1973 expenses paid in 1974	\$ 1,415.90	
Donations for special purposes designated:		
Raised in 1972 by		
Young Friends	66.25	
Donations for FCNL	22.41	
Donations for 7 uppers	1.25	
Donations for Lung'aho relief	147.50	
Donations for Neil Jones Fund	<u>10.00</u>	<u>247.41</u>
TOTAL ACCOUNTS PAYABLE		\$ 1,663.31

Schedule C:

Other Funds:

Sharing Fund, January 1	6,458.95	
Add: Return on loan	100.00	
Interest on savings account	1,094.23	
Budget addition	<u>100.00</u>	
	7,753.18	
Deduct:		
Loans made	<u>1,550.00</u>	
Balance, December 31		\$ 6,203.18
Student Aid Fund, January 1	50.14	
Add: Contributions	<u>760.00</u>	
	810.14	
Deduct: Grants to student	<u>760.00</u>	
Balance, December 31		50.14

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December 31, 1973

SCHEDULE C, continued:

Memorial Funds:

Gilbert Fund (principal to remain untouched)	274.67
Rich Fund (for use of sewing committee)	96.93
Edith Clapp Memorial Fund (to be used for library books bearing plate "Edith Clapp Collection")	140.00
Wittko Fund (for Frank Wittko, if required)	1,000.00
In memory of Bernice Smith	15.00
In memory of Thomas Harvey	<u>50.00</u>

Total Memorial Funds 1,576.60

Martha Clifford Bequest:

January 1	1,587.85
Transfer to reduce 1973 expenses not covered by contributions	<u>1,587.85</u>

December 31 zero

Cleaver Memorial Scholarship Fund:

January 1	9,396.95
Add: Interest on savings account	586.21
Repayments on loans	<u>2,550.00</u>
	12,533.16

Deduct:

Loans to students	<u>4,619.00</u>
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December 31 7,914.16

TOTAL, OTHER FUNDS \$15,744.08

SCHEDULE D:

Reserve for major repairs/building,
equipment & furniture, January 1

2,793.57

Budget addition

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Deductions:

Floor cleaning machine	230.00
Snow thrower	325.00
Gas stove	119.52
Leaf blower	165.00
Iron railings	<u>100.00</u>

939.52

December 31

2,054.05

HARTFORD MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS

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SCHEDULE E, Maplewood properties:

Income and Expenses

143 Maplewood Avenue, January through August when house rented to John and Linda Morgan, released persons:

Rent credited for 7-1/2 months at \$150	\$1,125.00
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Expenses:

Water	29.71	
Electricity	479.32	
Gas	45.28	
Heating oil	456.41	
Telephone	58.20	
Plumber	19.88	
Roof patched	61.00	
Pest control	25.00	
Real estate taxes		
8 months	<u>453.51</u>	1,628.31

Eight months deficit	(503.31)
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143 Maplewood Avenue September through December when house rented to Ruth Fitch:

Rent credited for 4 months at \$100	400.00
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Expenses:

Water	8.17
Sanding floors & other interior work	300.00
Paints & brushes	83.76
Driveway repairs	75.00
Tree removal	60.00
Oil burner serv.	5.50
Real estate taxes	
4 months	<u>226.76</u>

Four months deficit	<u>759.19</u>
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TOTAL DEFICIT for 1973

(359.19)
<u>(862.50)</u>

HARTFORD MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS

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SCHEDULE E, continued:

Income and Expenses

151 Maplewood Avenue, Friends House, rented to William and Lydia Slivinski:

Rent credited for 12 months at \$150	\$1,800.24
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Expenses:

Water	30.94	
Electricity	156.47	
Gas	86.57	
Heating oil	395.11	
Plumber	55.01	
Filing deed	2.50	
Real Estate taxes	<u>674.96</u>	<u>1,401.56</u>

Balance for 1973	398.68
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RESERVE FOR MAJOR REPAIRS/MAPLEWOOD PROPERTIES

January 1 balance	2,759.73
Add balance of 1972 income for 143 Maplewood	<u>252.89</u>
	3,012.62
Deduct 1972 deficit for 151 Maplewood	<u>42.13</u>
Adjusted beginning 1973 total	2,970.49
Add balance for 1973, 151 Maplewood, Friends House	<u>398.68</u>
	3,369.17

Deduct:

Cost of plumbing, digging and installing of new water pipe and single water meter for both Maplewood properties	1,155.57
Roof replaced, 143 Maplewood	372.59
Storm sash, 143 Maplewood	432.00
Storm sash, 151 Maplewood	396.00
Landscaping, 151 Maplewood	171.12
New toilet, 151 Maplewood	227.92
Bank service charges	2.16
1973 Deficit, 143 Maplewood	<u>862.50</u>

Total deductions	<u>3,619.86</u>
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DEFICIT IN RESERVE ACCOUNT	(250.69)
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HARTFORD MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS

Treasurer's Report for 1973

<u>Item</u>	<u>1973 Approved Budget</u>	<u>1973 Actual Expenses</u>
Operating Expenses, Building & Grounds	\$ 8,210	\$ 6,084
Committee Expenses & Obligations (Inc. NE Yearly Meeting)	15,340	14,741
Contributions to Others	2,480	2,720
Court Watching Project	<u>2,250</u>	<u>1,392</u>
GRAND TOTALS	\$28,280	\$24,937

1973 INCOME:

From individuals (133 a/c's)	\$19,046
From building use	730
Obadiah Brown Benevolent Fund	1,200
Kralits Mortgage Payments	836
From M. Clifford bequest	1,588
Contributions for Court Watching Project	1,135
Miscellaneous	<u>78</u>
	\$24,613

DEFICIT FOR THE YEAR

(\$324)

Thomas L. Brown

December 13, 1973

1. The Meeting was opened with a period of silence.
2. Elsa Cullen reported for Ministry and Counsel. A certificate of removal for Virginia Duthie Dattoo has been received from Landsdowne (Pa.) Meeting. The Meeting accepted the transfer.
3. Karen Paullin Will and Philip S. Will have requested Junior Membership for their two daughters, Kayden Marcia and Bryn Emary Will. The Meeting approved.
4. A Finance Committee report prepared by Thomas Bodine was read by Wendell Clepper. \$12,000 in contributions are needed by the end of December to meet the year's budget.
5. All Meeting committees are asked to send their estimated money needs for next year to the Finance Committee by the January Meeting for Business so that they may begin preparation for next year's budget.
6. The Finance Committee recommends that up to \$2,100 be borrowed from the Meeting's reserved funds to pay for putting a new siding on the 143 Maplewood Avenue house. Providing that interest be charged on the use of the money, the Meeting approved.
7. Ellen Paullin expressed appreciation for the work done by Dottie Meshnick in organizing the Christmas handicraft project. The Meeting approved.
8. Florence Carpenter reported for Peace and Social Concerns Committee. A vigil of concern for the political prisoners in South Vietnam will be held on Saturday, December 21st. Since they are having trouble in getting permission to display the tiger cage, they requested that the Meeting join in sponsoring the activity. The Meeting approved.
9. A request for an on-going use of the Meeting House on Sunday afternoons from three to five has been made by the Metropolitan Community Church, a ministry to homosexuals. Friends approved of the idea of sharing the Meeting House providing suitable arrangements can be worked out, and a committee consisting of Laurence Barber, Wendell Clepper and Mary Jane Carpenter was appointed to discuss arrangements with Mr. Deacon.
10. Penelope Turton and Sara Pennell have written about the Witness for Peace, asking the Meeting's reactions to the continuation of the Good Friday peace vigil. The Clerk was asked to write to them, expressing the appreciation for the vigil and hope that it may be continued with whatever support the Meeting can provide.
11. The Meeting approved the plan of holding Meeting for Business for the next three months on the Second Sunday of the month, following Fellowship luncheon.
12. The Meeting approved the idea of a monthly Monday morning study-reading group.

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13. The Meeting will accept donations for Neil Jones' pig raising project. \$100 from the sharing fund and any donations Friends may wish to add will be sent by Tom Brown. Friends approved, and Tom Brown has agreed to serve.
14. Bob Brill has agreed to chair the Hospitality Committee.
15. The Florida St. Meeting in Washington, D.C., has agreed to provide sanctuary for Bruce Baechler, should he request it in relation to the probability he will shortly have to start serving a prison sentence for refusing to register for the draft.
16. The Meeting adjourned, to meet again on the 12th of January, following Fellowship luncheon.

Mary Jane Carpenter
Mary Jane Carpenter, Clerk

Sylvia M Helfrick
Sylvia M. Helfrick, Recording Clerk

January 13, 1974

1. The Meeting was opened with a period of silence.
2. Elsa Cullen reported for Ministry and Counsel. Fazli and Virginia Datto have asked that their daughter, Navyn Anaar, be registered as a Junior Member of our Meeting. The Meeting joyfully approved and appointed Robert Brill, Mary Jane Carpenter and Elsa Cullen to welcome her.
3. On Saturday, February 2, Ministry and Counsel will provide a pot-luck supper for the visiting members of Ministry and Counsel from other meetings; following this we will view the film "Until I Die" based on Elizabeth Kubler Rose's book, "Death and Dying."
4. Ministry and Counsel has prepared a series of five meetings on Death and Dying which will begin on March 3rd at eleventh hour. Members are urged to consider carefully the questionnaire and schedule which will be mailed to them in early February.
5. Virginia Datto reported for the First Day School Committee. Adults are invited to join the children's Meeting for Worship on Fellowship Sundays. She also expressed the concern of the committee that the children join in adult Meetings for Worship. The Meeting approved, and left it to the First Day School Committee to work out details.
6. The First Day School Committee has requested that members help organize the children's library.
7. Florence Carpenter reported for Peace and Social Concerns. On January 26, the AFSC-Voluntown group are sponsoring an all-day conference in the Meeting House, along with the Connecticut Unity Conference on Indo-China. They request that the Meeting join in the sponsoring of this meeting. The Meeting approved.

8. Andrew Lynn read a letter to be sent to the members of the appropriations committees of the House and the Senate, calling for giving aid in reconstruction of war damage in Indo-China under the close sponsorship of an international organization such as the UNRRA, in the expectation that much supervision would safeguard the use of such funds for the purpose they were intended. The Committee also requested the help of volunteers from the Meeting to help prepare these letters. The Meeting approved.
9. Henry Baechler reported for the Nominating Committee. Frances deCou has been recommended as clerk of the Library Committee, and Alice Cheney for the Use Committee. The Meeting approved both nominations.
0. Tom Brown presented a preliminary report for 1973. Due to the fact that less was spent than expected in several categories, the Meeting had a deficit of only \$324. Income was \$24,613, and expenditures were \$24,937.
1. The Watertown Meeting now has an average attendance of eight to ten people. They seem to be managing financially, but they feel the need of visitors. Wendell Clepper hopes to get two groups of visitors from Hartford to attend their Meeting each month. Volunteers are asked to speak to him.
2. Wendell Clepper also raised the question of the relationship of our Meeting to the United Farm Workers. Various members of the meeting have helped the Sheridans in the past; they have also received some financial assistance from the community. The 1973 budget contained no provision for them, but in May the Meeting decided to contribute \$250 to them. Recently Wendell Clepper met with George Sheridan, and found the organization was greatly in need. Wendell Clepper made a contribution of \$25 to help meet the immediate situation, and will accept gifts from those willing to share in this contribution. Concern was expressed for the Farm Workers Union, and it was recommended that the Finance Committee reconsider its recommendations for possible inclusion of a gift to this group in this year's budget. The Meeting expressed appreciation for Wendell Clepper for acting on his concern.
1. Letters from Ralph Williams have been received. He is concerned about an African student who hopes to receive a scholarship from the University of Hartford, but who will need to be supplied with board and room. Concerned Friends are asked to speak to the clerk.
1. Friends will welcome George Bliss and his committee in the near future when they come to share with us their concern on the future of Quaker schools.
1. Tom Brown and Jane Cheney have been appointed representatives to Quarterly Meeting to be held here on February 3rd.
1. The Metropolitan Community Church group has withdrawn their request to meet in our building.
1. Kiki Wolf will attend a meeting on the West Hartford Street Ministry, and Richard Kleindsmit will be asked to go with her.

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18. The Meeting adjourned, planning to meet again on February 10.

Mary Jane Carpenter
Mary Jane Carpenter, Clerk

Sylvia M. Helfrick
Sylvia M. Helfrick, Recording Clerk

February 10, 1974

1. The Meeting opened with a period of silence, with Wendell Clepper acting as clerk.
2. Ministry and Counsel, with Helen Brill reporting, told about a special Meeting for Worship which was held at 9 A.M. on Wednesday, January 23rd. The occasion was an affirmation of solidarity with Bruce Baechler, an 18 year old member of our meeting who, having refused to register for the military draft as a witness to the historic peace testimony of Friends, was being arrested at a concurrent Meeting for Worship in Washington, D.C. at the Florida Ave. Friends Meeting House.
3. Various life experiences of Members were reported on by Ministry and Counsel.
4. Peace and Social Concerns, with Florence Carpenter speaking, reported on various of their projects, including the Meeting of the New England Yearly Meeting Peace and Social Concerns Committee in Providence, as well as AFSC and FCNL projects.
5. The Court Monitoring Committee will hold a meeting on Wednesday at which lawyers will be present to discuss various aspects of the project with old and new members.
6. A meeting which was jointly sponsored with the All-Connecticut Conference on Post-War Vietnam was held with participants from all over the state.
7. A report on Quarterly Meeting was given by Jane Cheney and Tom Brown. A good number attended in spite of stormy weather. Jack Akenga spoke. Opportunities were given for sharing Meeting news and concerns, and it proved particularly valuable. Friends are urged to communicate any concerns about Quarterly Meeting to either the Clerk or the Assistant Clerk.
8. The Meeting decided to postpone until next meeting a discussion of the use of the Building. Laurie Barber is asked to convene a group consisting of Alice Cheney, Tom Brown, Jim Carpenter and Bob Kearney to update the guidelines on use and to review the scale of charges for use of the building.
9. Powell House weekend will be held May 17-19 with Hall and Marion Cushman as Chairpersons.

0. The proposed budget for 1975 was presented for the Finance Committee by Tom Bodine. After a careful consideration by the Meeting, budget was approved as presented and commendation was expressed to the Finance Committee for their work.
1. The Cookbook has finally been published.
2. The Meeting adjourned, planning to come together again on First Day, March 10, following Fellowship Luncheon.

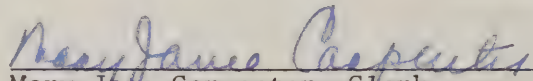
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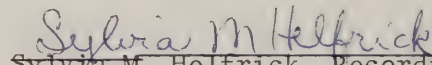
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March 10, 1974

1. The Meeting opened with a time of silence.
2. The Ministry and Counsel report was presented by Talmadge Neece. It recommended for membership John and Jean Peretti, and Friends warmly approved. Ellen Paullin, Dorothea Kelsey and Kiki Wolf were appointed to welcome them.
3. Ways were discussed of providing a warmer welcome to new members.
4. Young Friends are meeting the weekend of March 16 and 17 for a happening under the leadership of Andrew Grannell who is heading Young Friends Yearly Meeting.
5. The Yearly Meeting Committee on Ministry and Counsel, planning to meet again at the end of the month, hopes to be able to respond to the California request for a statement on the centrality of Christ in our faith. Various Monthly Meetings have responded, and the committee has prepared a Minute summing up the responses. While no denials of the centrality of Christ have been received, the hope is expressed that within the limits of our faith there should be room for diversity and that there all Friends may find unity and peace in shared worship and service.
6. Various life experiences of members and attenders were reported.
7. Our April Fellowship luncheon will be held on Easter. The question of timing of Business Meeting was discussed, and the Meeting agreed that it will be held on the second Thursday evening in April, May and June.
8. Plans for the First Day School activities for the remainder of the year were presented by Virginia Datoo.
9. Henry Baechler, for the nominating committee, reported that most major committee assignments have been filled, but problems in committee leadership, structure, and efficiency were brought to the Meeting's attention. Peace and Social Concerns needs a chairman, the Use Committee is having problems and the need to strengthen Young Friends was emphasized.

10. Wendell Clepper presented a concern, raising the question of the advisability of forming a planning committee to oversee the educational stimulation of the whole Meeting for a considerable period of time. The suggestion was made that such a committee might be formed, consisting of the chairman of the Eleventh Hour committee, Chairman of the First Day School, and other appropriate persons.
11. Laurence Barber raised a question about the possibility of reviewing the committee structure of the Meeting. Laurie Barber, Virginia Datto and Archie Meshnuk were named as an ad hoc committee to meet with the Nominating Committee to discuss the problem, and are to report back to the Meeting before June.
12. The Meeting expressed concern for the young adult attenders and new members whose needs we do not seem to be meeting at this time. Interest was expressed for stressing continuing Quaker education and the Meeting was in accord in referring it to Ministry and Counsel.
13. Florence Carpenter, for Peace and Social Concerns, reported on the Peace Tax Fund Act, House Resolution 7053 and requested Friends to write their Congressmen concerning their interest in this matter.
14. George Halford raised a concern for those living on a fixed income in a time of increasing inflation and requested Friends who shared this concern to phone him.
15. Powell House weekend was financed last year by urging all interested in going to attend, with the Meeting paying for the weekend out of Conference Funds plus the donations of attenders. Friends approved following the same plan this year.
16. Alice Cheney presented a request from the Regional Citizens Transportation Task Force which would like the use of office space in the Meeting House. The Meeting approved, with the proviso that they accept responsibility in writing for seeing that the building is locked whenever they leave the office and that they accept responsibility for the safety of the key issued to them. The Meeting agrees for a preliminary period of six months, with extension subject to reappraisal at that time.


Mary Jane Carpenter, Clerk


Sylvia M. Helfrick, Recording Clerk

April 11, 1974

1. The Meeting was opened with a period of worship, the clerk reminding Friends that it was Maundy Thursday.
2. Ellen Paullin, for the Eleventh Hour Committee, reported on plans for the remainder of the year, particularly emphasizing that the expected visit of Helen and George Bliss will occur on April 28th. They will lead a discussion of the long range future plans of the Yearly Meeting Schools, the meeting to be followed by a somewhat more substantial friendship coffee than usual.
3. Ted Paullin gave the Recorder's report. The Meeting has a membership of 252 as of December 31, of which 109 are men and 143 women. Eighty-nine are under 25, and 38 over 65, with 84 junior members. The Meeting expressed appreciation for the Recorder's work.

In February, the Recorder, following the custom of the Meeting, wrote to seven junior members who have now reached the age of 25 and who have not requested transfer to adult membership. None, in answering, asked for a change of membership, and are thus dropped from junior membership: Christopher Ellison, James Darlington Way, Allen H. Brainard, Mary Bushnell Cheney, Eva Lilienthal Kramer, Judith Cullen Park and James Lewis Wright. The Meeting, reluctantly, approves.

Talmadge Neece, for Ministry and Counsel, reported that a request has been received from Esther Wheeler who wishes to move from junior to full membership. The Meeting approves and, noting that she is studying in Florence, Italy, will not appoint a welcoming committee at this time.

Seeker's Sessions, designed to acquaint attenders with Quaker Ways, will be held on April 28, May 5 and May 12 at 9 A.M.

Two requests have been received requesting withdrawal of membership from Patrick C. Smith and from Lester Smith. The Meeting approves.

Friends who wish to make a contribution to Bruce Baechler's defense fund may make donations to Tom Brown. Friends are reminded of their responsibility for supporting Bruce in every possible way.

A letter has been received from Margaret Stevens asking our Meeting to join with Twin Cities Meeting in St. Paul in the oversight of the wedding of John Stevens, son of the clerk of the Twin Cities Meeting and Emily Bushnell. They have received clearness from Twin Cities Meeting. They plan to hold their wedding at the Bushnell home under the care of our Meeting. Friends approve and appoint Mary Jane and Jim Carpenter to represent us at the wedding. The Clerk is asked to choose two other persons from the Meeting to attend.

1 Friends approve the ad hoc committee on restructuring the Meeting's recommendations. A copy of the report is attached to these Minutes.

11. Florence Carpenter brought from the Peace and Social Concerns Committee a request that a dinner be held to raise funds for the American Friends Service Committee North-South Vietnam Fund. The Meeting agreed in principle, but implementation will depend on finding those willing to serve on the committee.
12. After a number of announcements, the Meeting adjourned, planning to meet again on May 9.

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May 9, 1974

1. The Meeting opened with a period of silence.
2. Elsa Cullen, for Ministry and Counsel, reported that Rosalind Spier has requested membership for herself, and junior membership for her daughter, Louisa Almay. Friends approve and Virginia Datto and Cynthia and James Reik were appointed to welcome them.
3. The Meeting has received from New England Yearly Meeting copies of Christian Faith and Practice. These books, paid for out of the Obadiah Brown Benevolent Fund, are being distributed to members and attenders as of gift of love from Friends to Friends.
4. A message from Scarsdale Monthly Meeting reported on the satisfactory visit of their committee on clearness with Carl Albert Newlin and Julie-Jean Zurles who will be married under the care of our Meeting on July 6. The Meeting appointed the Neece and Elsa Cullen to be overseers. The Meeting was happy to welcome Julie-Jean Zurles and Carl Newlin who were visiting, as well as Mr. and Mrs. Zurles.
5. The Meeting approved the Memorial Minute for Winona MacCalmont with minor additions.
6. Henry Baechler, for the Nominating Committee, presented the committee's report which will be considered at the next meeting. After discussion, appreciation was expressed to the committee for its work. In order to meet the needs of Yearly Meeting, the clerk asked for approval of those named as representatives to Yearly Meeting: Marion Jessell, Robert Brill, and Henry and Marjorie Baechler. The name of Grace Fogg was added to the list as an additional representative, providing she is willing to accept, and all were approved.
7. Virginia Datto reported on Quarterly Meeting which was held in New Haven.
8. Bruce Baechler has requested a travelling Minute for visiting Friends this summer. The clerk has prepared a Minute which Friends approved.

9. Marjorie Baechler, Florence Carpenter and Ruth Wojan attended Bruce Baechler's trial for refusing to register for the draft. Marjorie reported that the trial was a moving religious experience and that Bruce is walking cheerfully about the earth in the face of all difficulties, bearing witness to his faith. Florence Carpenter reported that she had also found it a good experience.
10. Wendell Clepper, after attending the Washington Peace Conference of Friends, Mennonites and Brethern, suggested that at some point in the future our Meeting might consider supporting a young Friend to work at the FCNL as an intern.
11. After several announcements, the Meeting adjourned, planning to meet again on June 13.

Mary Jane Carpenter
Mary Jane Carpenter, Clerk

Sylvia M. Helfrick
Sylvia M. Helfrick, Recording Clerk

June 13, 1974

1. The meeting opened with a short period of worship after which a special welcome was extended to Florence Carpenter and to Margaret Morrison.
2. The Committee on Ministry and Counsel presented a recommendation that the following persons be dropped from membership. They have been notified of this possibility and given ample opportunity to affirm their interest in remaining within the meeting:

Barbara Ellison
Minot Greene
Janet and Scott Nielsen
Ben
Jenny
Jill Smith
Christopher
Stephen
Deborah
Daniel
Nan Wright
Melissa Uhl
Margaret

The meeting approved this recommendation.

3. The clerk read a letter from Jane Carpenter requesting that her membership be changed from Junior to adult status. Richard Boulton and Margaret Morrison were named to welcome her.

4. Emily Rinden reported on the most recent meeting of Church Women United in East Hartford at which the subject for discussion was overpopulation and world hunger.
5. The final report of the Nominating Committee was presented and approved. Attention was called to the fact that members of the Cleaver Memorial Scholarship Fund committee are not to be named by the Nominating Committee of the Meeting. Florence Carpenter asked to be considered a member-at-large of the Peace and Social Concerns Committee in spite of the fact that she has moved to Waterbury. Robert Brill was especially commended for his careful work on the Directory.
6. The clerk called attention to the fact that one additional person should be named to the Nominating Committee. After a moment of silent consideration, it was suggested and approved that Laurence Barber be asked to serve.
7. Ron Cretaro reported fully on the progress of the Court Monitoring program. They have been given permanent headquarters in the Center Church House at 60 Gold Street, Tel. 728-3199, and have had excellent contacts with the press and with some of the judges. Members of the meeting were urged to attend court sessions whenever possible. Ron expressed appreciation to the Meeting for its support in the last ten months. This constitutes what he feels may be a subsidy for his life's work. At the same time, the Meeting voiced gratitude to him for his faithful commitment to this program.
8. The clerk read a letter from the American Friends Service Committee in connection with the twentieth anniversary of its first statement on Indo-China. It called attention to the American-funded war still continuing in that area and to Friends' responsibility in this situation.
9. A detailed, explanatory report on the funds and investments of the Meeting including their origin, purpose and present status was presented by the Finance Committee. The New England Yearly Meeting Committee on a Retirement Community has asked the Hartford Meeting to invest funds in this undertaking. The Finance Committee asked for reactions in this idea as well as to continued investment of funds in the "Black Bank" in Hartford.
10. A letter was read from Mary and Bernard Lungaho regarding the money sent them by the Meeting. They would prefer not to accept it themselves and the suggestion was made that it be applied to the African student Friend of our Meeting. The Meeting approved.
11. A request for contributions from Woolman Hill was referred to the Finance Committee.
12. A travelling minute for Thomas Bodine to attend London Yearly Meeting and visit Friends' Meetings in southern England this summer was presented and approved as read.

COURT MONITORING REPORT

Without great exaggeration, I can report, that the court personnel of Circuit Court 14 is aware of our presence. We have established a witness calling for equal justice, providing a constant and forceful opposing voice when there is no justice. The Court Monitoring Project has been in the public eye on several occasions. Just recently our group published a report concerning the abuses of plea bargaining (see Hartford Courant June 23, 1974). The Hartford Times is completing a feature story on the Court Watching Project to be published soon. As you may know, we were fortunate to be a leading subject of a Wall Street Journal article on March 7, 1974 on citizen's monitoring groups.

Since September, our witness has included a vigil at the Legislature, working actively for passage of progressive legislation. Among the bills of concern passed this session were the Court Reorganization Bill, an Arrest Erasure Bill (overridden by Legislature of Governor's veto), and a Public Defender Services Commission Bill. Others that we pressed for--a Bail Reform Bill and a Search & Arrest Warrant Bill--were defeated along the way.

Another dimension of our work has involved the filing of numerous inquiries and complaints on specific abuses with the Chief Judge of the Circuit Court or the Division of Criminal Justice (State's Attorney). These petitions for redress are intended to insure that those responsible for enforcing the laws obey the laws themselves. As well, our group has encouraged school and church groups and individuals to spend a day observing in the Circuit Court. We invite you to do the same. Please stop by our office at 60 Gold Street in Center Church House.

Many thanks to those who have volunteered their hours in court over the months: Beatrice Coward, Jean Clepper, Val Ginouves, Marge Baechler, Shirley Brunelle, Bob Baechler and all the other students from Shanti High School and Trinity College. Welcome to Alexandra Woods who is now a full-time volunteer with our project. The summer months have also marked the return of Jane Christensen, one of the original monitors now in law school at the University of Connecticut.

There is still much left to be done. Yet we look forward to the challenge and struggle...

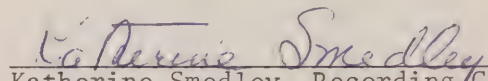
Count it all joy,

Ron Cretaro

June 1974

13. The clerk announced that Howard Bartram of the Friends' General Conference would like to visit Hartford Meeting on August 8. A picnic was proposed as appropriate for the occasion at 6 P.M. with Friends in the surrounding area to be invited.
14. Clothing in large supply is on hand in the Meeting House. July 2 at 10 A.M. was decided upon as a time for volunteers with box lunches to assemble for sorting and arranging of these items.
15. The Meeting would like to consider some kind of money-raising event in October as a means of contributing financial support for the continuance of the court monitoring program.
16. A letter from Virginia Dato regarding the First Day School was read. The First Day School would like to change the schedule next year--meeting at 11 A.M. in order to allow opportunity to take part in the meeting for worship beforehand. The meeting approved of attempting this new plan.
17. A solution to the problems arising in connection with the use of the basketball court by neighborhood children was reported by Arthur Wolf to be in progress. The Meeting expressed its gratitude to Arthur for his handling of the situation.
18. It was suggested that Amy Hathaway be asked to write the Butterworths thanking them on behalf of the Meeting for the picnic on June 9.
19. Announcement was made of the birth on June 11 of Kathleen Carpenter, granddaughter of James and Mary Jane Carpenter and of the marriage of Charlene Fagelman and Jonathan Morse on May 30, 1974, in Cambridge, Massachusetts.
20. After a period of silence the Meeting adjourned to meet next on the evening of September 12.


Mary Jane Carpenter, Clerk

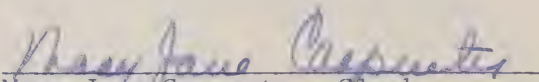

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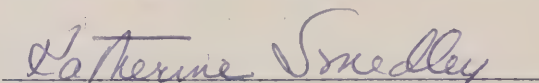
September 12, 1974

1. The Meeting was opened with the reading of a query and a period of silence.
2. Henry Baechler reported for Ministry and Counsel. Elizabeth Maynard has requested transfer of her membership and the junior membership of her daughters Lisa Ann and Stephanie Jeanne from Flushing Monthly Meeting. Elizabeth and Roger Maynard request that their son, Jason Elliott Maynard, be accepted as a junior member. Ministry and Counsel recommend that these requests be accepted and the Meeting approved, asking Bob Brill and Roz Spier to call and welcome them.

3. Kenneth Brooks has asked to be released from membership as of June 29, 1974. He has recently married and has joined a fundamentalist religious group. Ministry and Counsel recommend Kenneth be released, and Friends approve.
4. Joan Ransom Hawkes and Donald Dickson have asked to be married under the care of Hartford Meeting on October 5, 1974, in the Meetinghouse. Jean is a member of our Meeting. Jeanne Clepper and Talmadge Neece and Henry and Marjorie Baechler have visited with the couple and see no obstruction to their marriage. Friends, desiring to expedite matters, have approved the designation, ex post facto, of Jeanne Clepper and Talmadge Neece as a clearness committee and have accepted their report and have given their approval of the marriage. Roz and Allen Spier and Marge and Henry Baechler are appointed as a committee on oversight for the wedding.
5. The Committee on Ministry and Counsel asked the Cleppers to call on Lydia Spelt and Bill Slavinski, who are now living apart, Lydia having resumed use of her own name. The Meeting will take every opportunity to provide support for these two young Friends during a trying period.
6. Realizing that Lydia will not be able to carry on the job of running Friends House, the Meeting will consider other alternatives. The Cleppers have suggested some names to Building and Grounds Committee.
7. Helen Brill, for the Education Committee, reported on plans for the Eleventh Hour for coming weeks, especially emphasizing the two-a-month coffee hours and the program on court monitoring on September 22.
8. Wendell Clepper, for Peace and Social Concerns, reported on persons designated by the Meeting to look after certain areas of social concerns.
 - Court Monitoring - Tom Bodine
 - FCNL - Tal Neece
 - FCNL (NEYM) - Helen Brill
 - NEYM Liaison - Arch Meshenuk
 - Group Homes - Jeanne Clepper
 - Amnesty and Amnesty International - Rod McFarland
 - Military in Schools - Marge Baechler
 - Southeast Asia - Virginia Costales
 - Peacetime Economy - Andy Linn
 - Reference File (and Environment) - Sally Morrison
 - United Nations - Bodine, Barber, Rinden
9. The Court Monitoring project needs to raise about \$800 plus other monies either already promised or expected to carry the project through the end of the calendar year. The Meeting approves the idea of holding a tag sale on October 26. Helen Brill will supervise the food sale. Ellen Paullin will help price. Peggy Morrison, Alice Cheney and Roz Spier will coordinate the preparations for the sale.
10. The Meeting approved of deficit financing of the project pending the sale.

11. A clothing day will be held on Tuesday, the 17th of October at 10 a.m.
12. The Nominating Committee reported that Marion Cushman has asked to be relieved of her assignment to Ministry and Counsel. Laurence Barber is willing to take her place.
13. Marion Jessell, Bob Brill and Marge and Henry Baechler were our delegates to New England Yearly Meeting.
14. Alice Cheney reported on the wedding of Stevens and Bushnell, which was held on . Alice Cheney and Mary Jane and Jim Carpenter were overseers.
15. On July 6 under the care of Hartford Monthly Meeting, Carl Newlin (Scarsdale, New York Meeting) and Julie Zurles were married.
16. Tom Bodine returned his travel minute which had been endorsed by Friends at London Yearly Meeting and at Ilkley, Haddom and Isle of Wight.
17. A letter of intent for the marriage of Laurel Brill and Michael Swan has been received. The Meeting has named Dottie and Arch Meshnuk, Virginia Dattoo and Tal Neece as a Committee on Clearness, with the understanding that the Clerk may designate Jim Reik as an alternate.
18. Quarterly Meeting is to be held on October 12 and 13 at Mt. Toby. The Meeting has named as delegates Ellen and Ted Paullin and Merrit Hallowell.
19. Peggy Morrison raised the question of whether the Meeting would rent the Meeting House to the Puerto Rican Solidarity Day Committee. The Meeting was not altogether comfortable with the idea but agreed to rent the downstairs floor only (the upper floor cannot be rented the night before Meeting for Worship) providing no money-making projects inconsistent with Friends' traditions be carried out.
20. The Meeting adjourned, planning to gather again on October 10.


Mary Jane Carpenter, Clerk


Katherine Smedley, Recording Clerk

October 10, 1974

1. The Meeting opened with a reading from the Queries and a short period of silence.
2. A report from the Ministry and Counsel was presented. It contained a minute in tribute to George Halford which is included. The recommendation for the transfer of membership of John and Linda Morgan and daughter Kendra, to Clear Creek Meeting, Richmond, Indiana, was approved.

3. The Memorial Committee reported on its efforts to bring up to date a pamphlet on Memorials prepared in 1969. Arthur Wolfe has secured the most recent information regarding the regulations for the donation of bodies and eyes to medical schools. He and other members of the committee have forms which are available for such intended donations. Fritz Semmler reported on recent revisions of funeral costs and also on proposals for a memorial plaque - those already presented to the Monthly Meeting of February 1973 - as well as one additional suggestion for a marble plaque on the front wall of the Meeting House. The Meeting was not satisfied with the idea of a plaque but would like the committee to explore other possibilities as an alternative. Members were urged to submit their ideas to the Committee in order to clarify this further.
4. Emily Rinden, representing Church Women United, announced the program for the forthcoming World Community Day on November 1 and their plans for the collection of blankets.
5. Appreciative comments were made by those appointed to attend the wedding of Joan Hawkes and Donald Dickson held under the care of the Meeting on October 5.
6. The Clearness Committee for the marriage of Laurel Brill and Michael Swan reported with much appreciation on their meeting with Laurel and Michael. They give their warm support to the plans for their forthcoming wedding. Named to the Oversight Committee for this event were: Mary Jane and James Carpenter, Elsa and Paul Cullen.
7. A report on the recent meeting of the Peace and Social Concerns Committee was presented. The Committee suggested the preparation of a brief flyer on court monitoring for use at the Tag Sale on October 26.
8. Ron Cretaro informed us that the Chief of Police of the City of Hartford has been very responsive to concerns brought to his attention. He has assigned two liaisons to the court monitoring group and is permitting the group to make a formal inspection of the jail area of the court and to file a followup report. The group has submitted a fourteen-page report to him already.
9. Progress was reported on plans for the Tag Sale on October 26.
10. The First Day School is happy with the success of its program this year. There will be a laboratory workshop for parents and teachers involved in First Day School work in Cambridge sometime in November.
11. Robert Brill reported on the satisfactory completion of a welcome call to the Maynard family.
12. It was suggested that Paul Cullen be asked to serve as the new member of the Nominating Committee. If he is unable to accept, Lucia Barber expressed her willingness to serve.
13. The meeting adjourned to meet next on November 14.

Mary Jane Carpenter
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Katherine Smedley
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MEMORIAL MINUTE FOR GEORGE FRANKLIN HALFORD

Hartford Monthly Meeting expresses its deep sense of loss upon the sudden death of George Franklin Halford on September 28, 1974, at the age of 71.

George Halford was a member of the group of Friends in the Hartford area which began to meet together for worship and fellowship in the 1930's, often in the Halfords' home. When Hartford Monthly Meeting was organized in 1940, George and Ethel Halford became charter members. George was especially active in those affairs of the Meeting involving business and financial matters, where he was always willing and ready to give the advantage of his knowledge and experience. For many years he served as Auditor of the Meeting finances, and gave valuable service during the period of planning for the building of the Meeting House, which now serves us so well. He was generous and understanding and friendly in the best meaning of those words.

George Halford was born in Pittsfield, Massachusetts, and held the degrees of B.A. and M.B.A. from Boston University. For thirty years he was a teacher at Weaver High School in Hartford. Like so many Friends, he carried his religious and social ideals over into the field of his profession and expressed his deep social concerns outside of the formal organization of the Society of Friends. His creative mind conceived the idea of a Credit Union for teachers, which grew into the Central Connecticut Teachers Credit Union, and later he developed what became the New England Teachers Housing Fund, and the Co-operative Housing Association, both before such ideas had obtained general acceptance. He maintained his active interest in these enterprises until the time of his death, although in his later years he was involved in related enterprises in Florida.

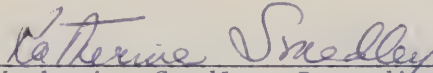
Hartford Monthly Meeting extends its sympathy to his wife, Ethel, his daughters, Joan and Georgia, his son William. We also record our gratitude for having had George among us for so many years.

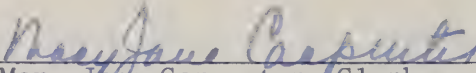
November 14, 1974

1. The regular monthly meeting for business of the Hartford Society of Friends was held Thursday evening, November 14th, at the meeting house. The meeting opened with a short period of silence.
2. A report from the Ministry and Counsel was presented. It recommended Bea Coward for membership - a recommendation which was warmly received and accepted by the meeting. Dorothea Kelsey and Arthur Wolfe were named as a committee to welcome her.
3. Fritz Semmler, representing the Memorial Committee, had made further inquiries regarding a Memorial Book. He presented the results of his investigations with samples and prices. After further discussion, it was evident that the meeting was not clear on the whole matter of memorials in general. It was decided to hold the question in abeyance for the time being leaving the committee free to take any further steps they desire.
4. The Peace and Social Order Committee reported on a well-attended October meeting with a representative of the local Farm Workers as guest. Members of the meeting took part in a protest demonstration against the B-1 bombers which was carried on local television. The court monitoring program continues to be an active one. Recently members have been observing the police lock-up process. Edith Neece received special mention for her letter to the press on public transportation and Bea Coward for her letter of commendation to Judge Arments. The next meeting of the Committee will have a representative of the Connecticut Indians as guest.
5. Tom Bodine announced that there are sufficient funds to carry on the court monitoring program to the end of this year due to proceeds from the tag sale and other contributions. The Cottonwood Foundation has offered a gift of \$950 to continue the program into the coming year, with the hope that the Meeting will be able to match it, thus enabling the work to continue into July. During a short discussion on the subject, some members expressed their feeling as to the importance of continuing and voiced the conviction that this is something which cannot now be laid down.
6. Lucia Barber has agreed to serve on the Nominating Committee for next year.
7. The Building and Grounds Committee reported that an anonymous donor connected with a member of the meeting would like to make a gift of \$10,000 to be used to beautify meeting property - specifically, to include carpeting the meeting room and those adjoining it. The Committee suggested that the gift might also be used to convert the Maplewood Avenue house into an upstairs apartment with the first floor being used for meetings. Good black-out curtains for the meeting room were suggested and the idea of a ramp leading into the meeting house met with great response. The meeting discussed the offer with great appreciation being expressed for so generous a thought. The fact that part of the gift was specifically allocated for carpeting caused considerable question. Some were not certain this would be in keeping with the character of the meeting house. The feeling of the meeting was that it would be wise to wait until next month to make a decision.

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8. Alice Cheney reported for the Tag Sale Committee that the sum of \$1,475 was realized for the work of the court monitoring program. Appreciation was expressed to Alice for her concentrated work as chairman of the committee.
9. It was decided not to cater the lunch at the next Quarterly Meeting but to follow in general the procedure as at Fellowship lunches.
10. A concern was expressed for contributing to the transportation expenses of Kenyan students in this country wishing to attend a Christmas conference at Oskaloosa, Iowa. The meeting approved of forwarding \$100 to Jeannette Hadley immediately. It was suggested that we might have an 'Austerity Lunch' on the next Fellowship Lunch day and each contribute \$1 as a means of raising the necessary money.
11. It was decided to include a notice of the time of our meeting for worship in the Welcome Wagon Bulletin. The cost is \$3.
12. Friends agree to send Ben Wojan as our representative to the West Hartford Housing Authority.
13. Trudie Lamb spoke briefly on behalf of the Ganienkeh Indian Project in New York State asking specifically for basic aid in the form of warm clothing and food supplies. Clothing stored in the meeting house intended for the Service Committee was immediately made available for their use.
14. The meeting then adjourned to meet next on December 12th.


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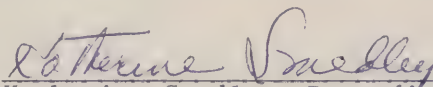
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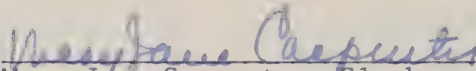
1. The regular monthly meeting for business of the Hartford Society of Friends was held Thursday evening, December 12th in the meeting house. It opened with a period of silence.
2. The Ministry and Counsel report included a request from Raleigh Bailey that his membership be transferred to Friendship Meeting, Greensboro, North Carolina and that his children's memberships remain in Hartford Until a further decision is made. The meeting concurred in this request.

3. The Peace and Social Concerns Committee reported on the progress of a plan for the possible affiliation of eight monthly meetings in Connecticut in areas of common social concerns. The meeting approved its recommendation that Hartford Monthly Meeting endorse this proposal and that Beatrice Coward represent this meeting in a joint planning committee to implement the idea. The first meeting of the committee will be held in Middletown, January 5th and a larger one - open to all - will be held here on February 1st prior to Quarterly Meeting.
4. The Committee also reported on a talk given by Brian Myles regarding the present situation of the Indians in Connecticut - especially the importance of taking a census of their numbers. The committee recommends that Friends write letters to the incoming State Finance Commissioner urging release of \$13,500 already designated - but not yet released - for the taking of such a census. It also recommended that Friends bring food, clothing or small carpentry tools to the meeting house on the third Sunday of each month for the use of Indians of New York State. Ben Wojan will take charge of seeing that these reach their destination. Friends approved both recommendations.
5. The Committee called attention to the fact that they had addressed themselves to the question of world hunger with possibilities of individual and/or group action. The Committee approved giving the remaining balance of \$26.52 in the budget of the Peace and Social Concerns Committee to Virginia Costales for her to use as she sees fit in her forthcoming visit to Bangladesh.
6. It was suggested that Robert Horton of the Prison Visitation and Support Committee be invited for the second Sunday in March for the Eleventh Hour and an evening meeting on the Saturday preceding.
7. The clerk told of a meeting of those involved with the First Day School in which the suggestion arose of a gathering at the meeting house on Christmas Eve at seven o'clock. Interest was expressed in this proposal and approval given to those who would like to move ahead with it.
8. The clerk reported that \$47 was raised through an Austerity Lunch to be put toward the \$100 for the Kenyan Christian Fellowship Meeting.
9. The committee appointed to welcome Beatrice Coward reported with enthusiasm on their visit.
10. It was reported that the donor of the gift of \$10,000, discussed at the previous monthly meeting, is happy to have the money used at any time and, in general, to be applied to anything which would add to the beauty and usefulness of the meeting house and its properties. The meeting expressed great gratitude not only for the gift but also for the response of the donor to some of the previously expressed reservations. A committee composed of Francis Helfrick, Tom Bodine (ex officio), Carl and Daphne Brown, Elsa Cullen and Mary Jane Carpenter was named to assume responsibility for use of this fund. The meeting especially approved the suggestion of some provision for darkening the meeting house for the showing of films.

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11. The meeting discussed an invitation to join in sponsoring the Good Friday Peace Witness in Boston on March 28th. The meeting approved of our participation in sponsorship.
12. It was announced that a gift of a spinnet piano has been made to the meeting. Great appreciation was expressed to the donor of this most welcome addition to the meeting house.
13. Ellen Paullin told of consultations with Sam Tyschen, builder of the meeting house, and of ascertaining from him that it is possible to build a brick wall extending south of the meeting house to the southern boundary in the place where the cyclone fence is now. The cost of the wall would be \$30 a running foot. It was suggested that families contribute to the cost of the wall if they used it for purposes of memorial plaques.
14. The meeting then adjourned to meet next on January 9th.


Katherine Smedley, Recording Clerk


Mary Jane Carpenter, Clerk

January 9, 1975

1. The regular monthly meeting for business of the Hartford Society of Friends held Thursday evening, January 9th, opened with a period of silence.
2. The report of the Ministry and Counsel included an account of the marriage of Laurel Brill to Michael Swan on December 28th in the meeting house and a Memorial to Thomas Brown who died suddenly on December 26th. The meeting approved the inclusion of the latter in the minutes.
3. The Nominating Committee recommended Marion Cushman, who had offered her services, as the next Treasurer of the meeting. The meeting approved of this nomination with the understanding that the appointment continue through June 1976. The suggestion was made that every five years there be a professional audit by a Certified Public Accountant. This recommendation was passed on to the Finance Committee with the idea that it be done immediately.
4. The Peace and Social Concerns Committee presented a minute regarding the formation of a Connecticut Friends' Council. A meeting of the Council will be held here on the first of February. The meeting approved a suggestion that a letter be sent to the Center Church expressing appreciation for the use of rooms in their building for the Court Monitoring program. Attention was called to the urgency of contacting Washington regarding proposed increase of funds for the war in South Vietnam.

STATISTICS FOR Hartford Monthly MEETING FOR 1974

When Monthly Meetings consist of more than one Meeting (Preparative, Particular, Allowed, Worship Group), each Meeting should fill out a blank for the Monthly Meeting. Each Monthly Meeting should make up its report from these Meeting reports, where more than one is involved; otherwise use only the column at the right of the page.

On the Quarterly Meeting form one column should be filled in for each constituent Monthly Meeting and totals given in the right hand column.

	Constituent Meetings						Total
1. Number of Members last year (12/31/1973),							252
2. Additions due to Omissions in last year's Report,							—
3. Additions by Birth or Request of Parents,							3
4. Additions by Request, including from another Denomination,							4
5. Additions by Certificate from another Friends Meeting,							3
6. Total Additions,							10
7. Loss due to Removal of Persons included by Error in last year's Report,							—
8. Loss by Death (list name and date on back of form),							2
9. Loss by Discontinuance, Resignation, or Disownment,							24
10. Loss by Transfer to another Friends Meeting,							4
11. Loss by Letter to another Denomination,							—
12. Total Loss,							30
13. Number of Members this Year (12/31/1974),							232
14. Net Gain,							—
15. Net Loss,							20
16. Number of Males,							94
17. Number of Females,							138
18. Number under 25 years of age,							75
19. Number over 65 years of age,							36
20. Number of Junior Members,							70
21. Number of Junior Members Transferred to Active Membership,							2
22. Number of Resident Members, ¹							153
23. Number of Non-Resident Members,							79
24. Average Attendance at Sunday Worship (estimate), ²							65
25. Number of Sojourning & Affiliated Members,							—
26. Number Participating in Sunday Classes or Discussions, ³							65
27. Number of Meetings held Regularly on Weekdays, ⁴							—
28. Number of Members attending Friends' Schools and Colleges. ⁵							3

Recorder or Clerk

Theodore Paulin

Deaths

George Franklin Halford 9-28-1974

Thomas Lyle Brown 12-26-1974

Friends schools.

Guilford College

Carthage College

Barnesville

HARTFORD MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS

Membership on First Day of First Month, 1975

* Indicates Junior Members

Allen, Charles Brooker	101 Walnut Street, Watertown, Conn. 06795
*Allen, Heather Elizabeth	0026 Hampshire College, Amherst, Mass. 01002
Allen, Maria Randall	101 Walnut Street, Watertown, Conn. 06795
Andrews, Mary Waldron	Apt. 103, 7 May St., Hartford, Conn. 06105
Arnold, Lois Williams	41 Ahui Street, Honolulu, Hawaii, 96813
Auerbach, Elizabeth Stamm	4839 N. Anita Avenue, Whitefish Bay, Wis. 53227
Baechler, Bruce Andrew	1019 South Farragut, Philadelphia, Pa., 19143
*Baechler, Donald Edward	1017 St. Paul St., Baltimore, Md., 21217
Baechler, Henry Jules	40 Farmstead Lane, Glastonbury Conn. 06033
*Baechler, Margaret Joanne	"
Baechler, Marjorie Jean	"
*Baechler, Robert Ian	"
Bailey, Mabel Googins	160 North Main Street, West Hartford, Conn., 06107
Bailey, Moses	"
*Bailey, Angela Gene	c/o Raleigh Bailey, Guilford College, Guilford, N.C.
*Bailey, Kistina Ray	"
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Barber, Lucia Fannie	"
Barber, Luther Lawrence	15 Newman Way, Arlington, Mass., 02174
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Bodine, Thomas R.	5 Haynes St., Hartford, Conn., 06103
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Boulton, Agnes, Ormond	34 Ten Acre Lane, West Hartford, Conn., 06107
Boulton, Alexander Ormond	1730 Bolton St., Baltimore, Md., 21217
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Boulton, Hanna Williams	202 West 29 St., Baltimore, Md., 21211
Boulton, Rihhard N.	34 Ten Acre Lane, West Hartford, Conn., 06107
Brainerd, Barbara Hale	836 Wbraham Road, Springfield, Mass., 01109
Brainard, John Whiting	"
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Brill, Louise Langston	Apt. 21, 416 Marlborough St., Boston, Mass., 02115
Brill, Robert Maurice	21 Grant Hill Road, Bloomfield, Conn., 06002
Brooks, Elizabeth Thatcher	6113 Dunleer Court, Bethesda, Md., 20014
Brown, Daphne Hodgson	Old Colebrook Road, Winsted, Conn., 06098
Buckland, Leslie Amos	619 Hillstown Road, Manchester, Conn., 06040
Buckland, Margaret Cooper	"
Butterworth, Elizabeth Taylor	88 Sunset Farm Road, West Hartford, Conn. 06107
Butterworth, Paul	"
Carden, Marie Kaan	RD 2, Old North Road, Winsted, Conn., 06095
Carpenter, Elizabeth Hooker	Pendle Hill, Wallingford, Pa., 19086
Carpenter, Florence Young	Apt. 504, 990 W. Main Street, Waterbury, Conn., 06708
Carpenter, James Allen	27 Greenridge Lane, West Hartford, Conn., 06107
Carpenter, Mary Jane	"
Cheney, Alice Rowley	180 Mountain Road, West Hartford, Conn., 06107
Cheney, Jane Burger	44 Westfield Road, West Hartford, Conn., 06119
Cheney, Timothy	Keene Valley, New York
*Cheney, T. Dexter	800 Mogo Vista Road, Arnold, Md., 21012
*Clark, Victoria Hawkes	19 Orchard St., Farmington, Maine, 04938
Clark, Matte Anne	59 Camden Court, Bal Harbour Fla., 33154
Clark, William D.	625 Surfside, Blvd., Surfside, Fla., 33154

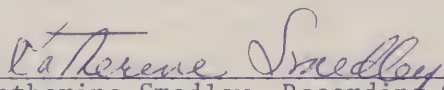
Cleaver, H. Paul	Box 228, Niverville, N.Y. 12130
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Clepper, William Wendell	"
*Conant, David Allen	Box B, 366A Red Jacket Quad, SUNY, Buffalo, N.Y. 14261
*Conant, Donald Robert	Box 1410 Worcester Tech, Worcester, Mass., 01609
*Conant, Ellen	233 Oxford St., Hartford, Conn., 06105
*Conant, Margaret Helen	Olney Friends School, Barnesville, Ohio, 43713
Conant, Gerda Ruden	233 Oxford St., Hartford, Conn., 06105
Conant, Richard Keith, Jr.	"
*Conant, Susan Wendy	"
Costales, Virginia	27 Loomis Drive, West Hartford, Conn., 06107
*Cullen, Deborah Jane	41 Long View Road, West Hartford, Conn., 06107
Cullen, Elsa Norgaard	"
*Cullen, Jeffrey Paul	"
Cullen, Paul Bernard	"
*Cushman, David Brand	363 Wells Road, Wethersfield, Conn., 06109
Cushman, John Hall	"
*Cushman, John Hall, Jr.	"
Cushman, Marion Gaines	"
*Datoo, Navyn Anaar	76 Prospect Street, Bloomfield, Conn., 06002
Datoo, Virginia Duthie	"
deCou, Frances Bronson	152 Raymond Road, West Hartford, Conn., 06107
Des Rosiers, Mary Ellen	The Meeting School, Rindge, N.H., 03461
Dickson, Joan Ransome	41 Douglas Road, Glastonbury, Conn., 06033
Fogg, Grace Pegg	93 Cottonwood Road, Newington, Conn., 06111
Fogg, John Richard	2829 Forest Ave., Berkeley, Calif., 94705
Forman, Mary Wood	4 Atwood St., Hartford, Conn., 06105
Fox, Alice Forsythe	26 Westmorland Drive, West Hartford, Conn., 06117
Fox, James Charles, Jr.	"
Gademan, Frank J.	Old Mountain Road, Farmington, Conn. 06032
Garner, Sylvia A.	62 Locust St., Falmouth, Mass., 02540
Germer, Lucie Barber	969 Bryan Ave., Salt Lake City, Utah, 84105
Greene, Dennis Swing	Rua Silva Carvalho 319, 4 B.Q. Lisbon, Portugal
Greene, Elizabeth Swing	17 Haynes St., Hartford, Conn., 06103
Greene, Florence Gledhill	15 Ten Acre Lane, West Hartford, Conn., 06107
Greene, Gerald Swing	17 Haynes St., Hartford, Conn. 06107
Halford, Ethel Dickson	Gulf Winds Resort, St. Petersburg Beach, Fla., 33706
Halford, William John	304 Birch Lane, Tallahassee, Fla., 32301
Hanselman, Donna Frey	139 Warren Ave., Vernon, Conn., 06066
*Hardiman, Christopher John	485 Hampshire College, Amherst, Mass., 01002
Hardiman, Eva Joachim	62 Reservoir Road, Newington, Conn., 06111
Hardiman, John Vincent	"
*Hardiman, Josephine Eve	"
*Hardiman, Lisa Lotte	"
*Hathaway, Amy	53 Linbrook Road, West Hartford, Conn., 06107
Hathaway, Betty Chapin	"
Hathaway, Nathaniel, III	128 Broad Street, Middletown, Conn., 06457
*Hawkes, David Ransome	Personnel Village, Southbury Training School,
Hawkes, Wilson	Southbury, Conn., 06488
Hedges, Virginia Jones	280 Francis Street, New Britain, Conn., 06053
*Helfrick, Christina Joy	14 Westminster Road, Manchester, Conn., 06040
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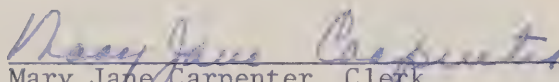
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Haward, Carolyn deCou	154 Raymond Street, West Hartford, Conn., 06107
Iosco, Robert Charles	55 Whitewood Road, Newington, Conn., 06111
Jessell, Marion Minor	170 Hillside Avenue, Waterbury, Conn., 06107
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Judd, Laura Joan	Parker Road, Somers Conn., 06071
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Kelsey, Dorothea Storey	North Canton, Conn. 06059
Kersten, Wilfred Walter	98 Goodwin Ave., Wethersfield, Conn., 06109
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*Knuttel, Anna Jacqueline Gine	Graduate Center Dormitory, Storrs, Conn., 06268
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Knuttel, Catherine Didden	124 South Main St. Warehouse Point, Conn., 06088
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*Knuttel, Hajo Leslie Peter	"
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*Leonard, Mona	"
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Maynard, Elizabeth Roberta	Anne Carriage Lane, Marlborough, Conn., 06421
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*Maynard, Lisa Anne	"
*Maynard, Stephanie Jeanne	"
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*Noel, Emily Rebecca	"
*Noel, Ken Eric	"
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*Parton, Diane Everett	"
*Parton, Sarah Ann	"
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Paullin, Marcia Irene	2032 Race St., Philadelphia, Pa, 19103
Paullin, William Theodore	45 Camp Ave., Newington, Conn., 06111
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Perretti, John Francis	"
Pulver, Harriet Williams	18 Bellevue Ave., Torrington, Conn., 06790

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Reik, Cynthia West	80 Westerly Terrace, Hartford, Conn., 06105
*Reik, David Raymond	Grange Hall, Storrs, Conn., 06268
Reik, James Edward	80 Westerly Terrace, Hartford, Conn., 06105
*Reik, Johathan Frederick	"
Rinden, Emily McDonell	19 Robin Rd., West Hartford, Conn., 06119
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Ritter, Martha Kingsley	12 West 72 St., New York, N.Y., 10023
Ritter, Patricia Sleezer	248 N. Whitney St., Hartford, Conn., 06105
*Ritter, Penn Joseph	307 E. Lawrence St., Appleton, Wis., 54911
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Ritter, Thomas Drummond	Apt. 521, 891 West Boulevard, Hartford, Conn., 06106
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*Roberts, Martha Lois	252 East 77 St., New York, N.Y., 10021
Roberts, Muriel Roase	86 Turkey Hill Lane, Hingham, Mass., 02043
Roberts, William Glenn	81 Franklin Park West, Rockville, Conn., 06066
Roberts, Zora Hoover	474 Central Nurses Residence, Welfare Island, N.Y.
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Shepard, George Frederick	"
*Shepard, Michael Tanner	"
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Smith, Avery Leete	48 Maiden Lane, Kingston, N.Y., 12401
Smith, Preston Leete	Killington, Vt., 05751
Smith, Robert Avery	Rockingham, Bellows Falls, Vt., 05101
Spelt, Lydia St. John	Apt. D11, 130 Kane St., West Hartford, Conn., 06119
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*Spier, James Alan	"
Spier, Rosalind Barclay	"
Stewart, Sallie Knorr	1230 Cooper Hill Road, Glastonbury, Ct., 06035
Swan, Larel Brill	Apt. 3, 2779 Main St., Buffalo, N.Y., 14214
Wallach, Gerda	388 Farmington, Ave., Hartford, Conn., 06105
Warrington, Donald Cleaver	306 Church St., Willow Grove, Pa., 19090
Warrington, Dorothy Candlin	"
Warrington, Nancy Louise	"
Way, Constance Rae	2730 N.E. 23 St., Pompano Beach, Fla., 33062
Way, Morris Borton	"
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Will, Karen Paullin	"
*Will, Bryn Emary	"
Williams, Ralph Mehlin	32 VanBuren Ave., West Hartford, Conn., 06107
*Wojan, Alaric Carl	134 Davenport Road, West Hartford, Conn., 06110
Wojan, Bernard Charles	"
*Wojan, Marilyn Beth	"
*Wojan, Mark Chalres	"
*Wojan, Martha Elizabeth	"
Wojan, Ruth Steensburgh	"
*Wojan, Tomothy Richard Peter	"

*Wolf, Anne McKinne	50 Castlewood Road, West Hartford, Conn., 06107
*Wolf, James Rowland	"
Wolf, "Kiki" Anne McKinne	"
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Yager, Jon Hayward	Soule's Hill Kiln, Dryden, Maine, 04225
Zane, Charles Rollin	30 Woodland St., Hartford, Conn., 06105
Zane, Frances Marsh	"
Zion, Rosemary Blanchard	Route 1 South, Box 99C, Cascade, Mont., 59421/

5. The Education Committee reported that Carol Terry and her husband will be here for the Eleventh Hour on February 23rd.
6. The Committee for Beauty reported progress in securing shades to darken the meeting rooms.
7. A travelling minute for Virginia Costales who will be visiting South Asia was read and enthusiastically approved for inclusion in the minutes.
8. Lucia Barber, Jack and Jean Peretti, were approved as representatives to Quarterly Meeting on February 1st.
9. The Powell House Weekend for Hartford Meeting is scheduled for May 16th to 18th. Ellen Paullin, the Judds, Jamie Wolf, Tina Meshenuk, Jack, Jean, Lise and Leslie Peretti were suggested as a committee to plan for this weekend.
10. Jack Akenga reported on the Kenyan Fellowship Conference in Iowa, especially on the discussion of problems confronting Kenyan students in this country when they return to their own meetings in Kenya.
11. The meeting approved an additional flood light to take the place of the present outside lights which are constantly disappearing.
12. Ellen Paullin was strongly encouraged to continue with her project of a record of the meeting in pictures. The meeting approved that the expense of this be included in the budget.
13. Ruth Lilienthal brought before the meeting the idea of a day-long retreat for those members who wished to participate. This evoked considerable response. She and Elsa Paullin were asked to develop the idea further.
14. The meeting then adjourned to meet next on February 13th.


Katherine Smedley, Recording Clerk


Mary Jane Carpenter, Clerk

MEMORIAL MINUTE

Thomas Lyle Brown died suddenly while on a journey on December 26, 1974, at the age of 72. He had retired in 1968 from the Consolidated Milk Producers Association where he had served for 44 years and was Comptroller and Assistant Treasurer. A member of the Hartford Meeting since 1962, Tom Brown held numerous committee assignments both in the Meeting and in the Yearly Meeting. A memorial service was held for him in East Hartford on December 30. Tom will be remembered not alone for his innumerable personal

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kindnesses and his faithful labors as our treasurer, but eminently for the sustained patience, forbearance and kind returning of love to those who persecuted him during the 1960's when he and Faith, persisting in their efforts to make racial integration a reality, found their home in a fast changing neighborhood and refused to be intimidated by vandalism, robbery and repeated personal assaults. Finally forced to yield in the face of threats to his life, he cheerfully sold his home at a sacrifice, went to live in the country in sturdy independence, and one never heard a bitter or rueful word from him over what he had borne. His was a life lived according to principle, and we shall always hold his example high.

February 13, 1975

1. The regular monthly meeting for business of the Hartford Society of Friends was held at the meeting house on Thursday evening, February 13th.
2. The report from Ministry and Counsel recommended that the application of Susan and Robert Kohout for membership in the Hartford meeting be accepted. The meeting approved. Lawrence Barber and Florence Carpenter formed the committee which reported favorably on their application. Helen and Robert Brill of this meeting were asked to serve as a welcoming committee together with Dorothy and Fred Wheeler of Watertown.
3. Ministry and Counsel also recommended the transfer of membership for Dorothy and Don Warrington to Abingdon Meeting and for Elizabeth Brooks to the Bethesda Meeting. Both recommendations were approved by the meeting.
4. Peace and Social Concerns Committee reported on their recent meeting in which the chief focus seemed to be on state and national legislation. Specific concerns centered around developments in Southeast Asia, amnesty, United Farm Workers and the Connecticut Indians. Robert Horton of the Prison Visitation and Support Committee has accepted the invitation to speak at an open meeting at the Meeting House on Saturday, March 9th at 8 p.m. and again on Sunday at the Eleventh Hour. The court monitoring program continues to grow in both numbers and scope. The committee also reported on a successful meeting of the Connecticut Friends' Council on February 1st. It was suggested that members phone the offices of both Congressman Cotter and Senator Weicker to protest the proposed visit to Southeast Asia next week.
5. The Finance Committee presented in detail its budget for the coming year. The Committee has decided that the office of Treasurer be divided into two parts: one for bookkeeping, the other for purposes of accounting. Marion Cushman will assume the responsibility of the first. Robert Brill has volunteered to undertake the second with Thomas Bodine as his assistant. The committee felt that, contrary to the previous suggestion of the meeting, it was not necessary to procure the services of a professional auditor. The meeting accepted the judgment of the Finance Committee on this matter.

6. A recommendation was made to cut the amount for consumable supplies to \$400. and also to investigate the possibility of increasing the amount contributed by the Quaker Lane Nursery School for use of the building. Jim Carpenter was asked to look into the situation regarding the latter. In connection with the \$50. allocated to the Greater Council of Churches, it was agreed to ask a representative of the Council to clarify its present organization and work at a suitable Eleventh Hour and to decide upon the amount of our contribution later. It was decided that the contribution of \$300. to the AFSC for the UFW Migrant Workers' Program could be dropped as well as the one of \$250. to the Quaker Lane Nursery School Scholarship Fund. The expense for accounting can be reduced from \$1,000. to \$300. It was pointed out that only with an increase in the amount of individual contributions to \$22,000. could the budget be balanced. The intention is that at the end of the year, if the amount needed in the form of contributions is not forthcoming, the meeting should review its contributions to other Quaker interests. With these changes and recommendations, the budget was approved as presented, and the meeting agreed to accept responsibility for it.
7. A report on the Quiet Day held at the home of Margaret Morrison on February 8th was read. A similar one will be held there in March.
8. Gratitude was expressed to Helen and Robert Brill for the new Directories now available. These represent a tremendous amount of both work and patience.
9. Permission was granted the Quaker Lane Nursery School to proceed with its plans for painting a mural in the downstairs school room.
10. Then adjourned to meet next on the evening of March 13th at the meeting house.

Katherine Smedley
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Mary Jane Carpenter
Mary Jane Carpenter, Clerk

March 13, 1975

1. The regular monthly meeting for business of the Hartford Society of Friends was held at the meeting house on Thursday evening, March 13th.
2. The Ministry and Counsel report opened with a Memorial Minute for Ralph M. Williams who died on February 25th. The Meeting wished to have extracts from this forwarded to the Friends Journal and Quaker Life, along with extracts from the memorial minute to Thomas Brown. It was also suggested that copies of the minute for Ralph Williams be sent to: The East Africa Yearly Meeting, the Friends' Bible Institute, The New England Quarterly Meeting and to his two daughters.

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3. Ministry and Counsel also reported that Sally Knorr Stewart and Preston Leete Smith have asked to be dropped from the list of members. The Meeting approved.
4. William C. Clark, a long time member of this meeting and a birth-right Friend died on March 10th in Florida.
5. Robert Brill reported that he and Helen had had an opportunity to welcome Susan and Robert Kohout as members of this meeting.
6. The Peace and Social Concerns Committee presented a list of twenty-two bills pending in the Connecticut legislature on which Friends might wish to take action. Friends were asked to give their names to Talmadge neece if they wished to receive copies of the FCNL Newsletter. Roz Spier announced that the AFSC has arranged for John and Erica Linton to be here on April 28th to speak at 8 p.m. in the meeting house on their work in India. Don Luce, who has investigated the Tiger Cages and other forms of torture in Viet Nam, will be here on Thursday, April 17th under AFSC auspices. As this is National Food Day, it was suggested that focus might be brought to bear on this subject through a meeting for worship from 5 to 6 p.m. followed by a simple supper and a collection taken for food to be forwarded to the AFSC. The Meeting encouraged following through with these plans.
7. Ron Cretaro explained five bills introduced into the General Assembly at the request of the Court Monitoring Project. The Meeting voiced firm support of the Committee in its judgment on matters of legislation and has confidence in any action initiated by the committee in their support.
8. The Hartford Meeting reaffirms its opposition to capital punishment.
9. The Maintenance Committee has begun consultation with the Quaker Lane Nursery School regarding increased contributions for use of the building. The Committee brought to the attention of the Meeting that there have been several occurrences of careless and dangerous misuse of the meeting house. Key holders are to be consulted as to the possible origin of these. All groups including committees holding meetings in the meeting house should check with Alice Cheney hereafter.
10. The Recorder presented the statistical report of the meeting as of 12/31/74.
11. The Powell House weekend, May 16th to 18th was discussed, especially from the question of finance. A decision as to whether or not to go ahead with plans for the weekend was tabled pending further information.
12. Then adjourned to meet on Thursday, April 10th.

Katherine Smedley
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Mary Jane Carpenter
Mary Jane Carpenter, Clerk

MEMORIAL MINUTE

Ralph Mehlin Williams, a member of Hartford Monthly Meeting, died on February 25, 1975. For nearly thirty years he had been a member of the faculty of Trinity College, retiring as Professor of English in 1973. He was a conscientious teacher and a valuable member of the Trinity Faculty.

In Hartford Meeting his range of participation was broad, from minor matters to service as Clerk. He carried more than his share of the concerns and activities of the Meeting. His speaking was measured, his advice practical and mature.

In the 1970's Ralph was able to follow his growing interest in Quaker work in Africa, first by spending a sabbatical year teaching at the Friends Bible Institute in Kaimosi, Kenya. After his retirement from Trinity he returned to Kaimosi despite ill health, and his time there was a period of happy service.

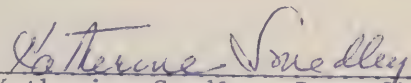
A memorial gathering at the Meeting House in West Hartford on February 27th was attended by a large number of his friends and colleagues. On the same day a memorial service was also held in Kenya. A moving feature of the Hartford meeting was the singing of two of the African hymns which Ralph had come to love, by two former students from the Kaimosi Bible Institute.

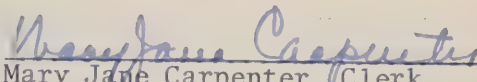
April 10, 1975

1. The Hartford Monthly Meeting for business was held at the meeting house on Thursday, April 10, 1975.
2. The Ministry and Counsel report included a letter from Ellen Searle asking to become a member of the meeting. Her application was warmly approved, and Helen Brill and Tina Meshenuk were asked to welcome her.
3. The Peace and Social Concerns Committee mentioned that Virginia Costales would give an account of her trip to Bangladesh at the Eleventh Hour on May 11th, including an account of the use of the \$100. contributed by Friends of this community to the needs of that country. The Meeting was also reminded of the forthcoming visit of Don Luce to Hartford in the coming week, and of the urgent need of the AFSC for funds for use in Southeast Asia. The Court Monitoring program has been involved in inspection of police lock-up practices, and there is some progress on the bills initiated or supported by this program. The Connecticut Friends' Council has inaugurated a newsletter which can be used in contacts with members of the state legislature.
4. The report of the Nominating Committee was presented. Some suggestions made for further additions. Final approval was left until the May meeting.
5. The need for a greater number of dishes for Fellowship Dinners was expressed. The meeting approved the purchase of the necessary items sufficient to serve one hundred persons. This is to be done by the Planning and Purchase Committee and paid for from the Beautification Funds.
6. May 6th will be Clothing Relief and Cleaning Day.
7. The 1975 edition of the Quaker Family Picture Album was presented by Ellen Paullin. It was understood that the cost of this is to be met from the Beautification Fund.
8. Dorothy and Archie Meshenuk gave an account of their very meaningful time as part of the NEYM Marriage Enrichment Weekend.
9. It was decided to have two lunches in May--one on the 11th and the other on the 18th--in honor of the Barbers who will be leaving us.
10. Margaret Morrison and Betty Hathaway will represent the meeting at the Quarterly Meeting at Storrs on May 4th.
11. In place of the customary Powell House Weekend, the meeting has been invited by the Conants to their camp at Long Pond, Mass. for the weekend of June 13th to 15th.
12. There will be another Quiet Day at Margaret Morrison's home on April 19th.

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13. A short report on the work of Church Women United was presented.
14. Then adjourned to meet next on May 8th.

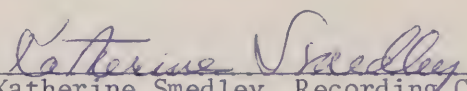

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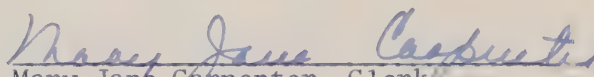

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May 8, 1975

1. The Hartford Monthly Meeting for business was held at the Meeting House on Thursday evening, May 8th.
2. Ministry and Counsel recommended that the application of Lisa Peretti for full membership in the meeting be accepted. The Meeting warmly approved. Margaret Morrison and Jeanne Clepper will welcome her.
3. A minute was presented by Ministry and Counsel in appreciation of the three years during which Mary Jane Carpenter has served as its clerk. The meeting approved its inclusion in the minutes.
4. Those involved in the Court Monitoring program met on April 29th to consider its future. There are now sufficient funds to continue operations until October first. Two alternatives for future action were considered. The first, a Third Party Custody program, seemed rather ambitious for this group. It seemed better to continue but considerably augment the present line of activity. This would involve a second part-time person in addition to Ron Cretaro which would mean an outlay of \$5,000. It would also involve the services of a lawyer, costing approximately \$2,500. The committee is working on the question of funding. If it is successful, the anticipated expansion of the program can take place.
5. Peace and Social Concerns Committee reported on the meeting for Don Luce at which \$136.50 was collected. Adelaide ("Lady") Borton, former director of the Quang Ngai project will be here on Wednesday evening, May 14th to talk about rehabilitation work in Viet Nam. The meeting will be held at the Unitarian Church. Members were asked to contribute their ideas for future lines of action for the Peace and Social Concerns Committee.
6. The question of Indo-Chinese refugees in this country was raised. It was felt that it was important for the meeting to give prayer and thought as to where the greatest needs might lie in the future with a view to possible action.
7. The final report of the Nominating Committee was presented and approved. The nomination was made and approved for Ted Paullin for a two-year term on this committee and Betty Hathaway for a three-year term.

8. The Finance Committee submitted an itemized account showing the current financial standing of the Meeting. Information was presented regarding plans for the Friends' Community Development Corporation in Massachusetts. The suggestion was made that the money from the Wittko Fund (\$1,000.) be contributed to the immediate expenses of this undertaking. This suggestion was approved with the provision that if ever Frank Wittko were in need, the Meeting would make available to him funds up to the amount of \$1,000. from the Sharing Fund.
9. The Finance Committee recommended that the contribution of \$200. to the Capitol Region Council of Churches for 1975 be restored subject to reconsideration along with other items at the end of the year. The Meeting approved of this.
10. Betty Hathaway reported briefly on Quarterly Meeting at Storrs.
11. A travelling minute for Lucia and Laurence Barber was read and approved.
12. Friends were reminded of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the building of the Meeting House in October of this year. Suggestions were offered as to how it might be observed such as a special luncheon with reminiscences. Marge Baechler, Ted Paullin and others were asked to plan for it.
13. Then adjourned to meet next on June 12th.


Katherine Smedley, Recording Clerk


Mary Jane Carpenter, Clerk

MINUTE

For three years Mary Jane Carpenter has served and guided our Meeting as Clerk. With loving and sensitive awareness she has met our many needs. In times of joy, she has led us in celebration; in times of crisis, she has given us clear direction; in times of grief, she has given us strength and solace and in times of illness, she has given us comfort and understanding. Her creative and innovative ideas have inspired us to explore many new areas. Her spiritual leadership has brought new strength and depth to our Quakerism. At all times she has truly led us in our search for what it means to be a Friend.

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June 12, 1975

1. The Hartford Monthly Meeting for business held at the Meeting House on Thursday evening, June 12th, opened with the reading of a letter from James Lenhart, editor of the Friends' Journal, to federal Judge Gordon regarding the sentence of Bruce Baechler imposed as a result of his stand on draft registration. A period of silence followed.
2. Ministry and Counsel, with Jeanne Clepper as its new chairman, recommended the acceptance of the application of Lisa Graff for Junior membership. The Meeting warmly approved. It was suggested that Lisa Peretti, Betty Hathaway and Sally Morrison welcome her. Donald Mick has also asked to become a member. Ministry and Counsel support his request and the Meeting concurs. Ruth Wojan and Wendell Clepper were asked to convey the Meeting's pleasure in having him as one of its members.
3. Ministry and Counsel will continue to meet during the summer, on the first Thursday of the month.
4. The Treasurer's report stated that in the first five months of this year individual contributions had totalled \$7,425.75 whereas the amount anticipated for that time was \$9,178. Friends were encouraged to send their contributions in the next few months, if possible.
5. The Clerk explained that the Court Monitoring program needs \$1100 in order to continue its operations until the end of the year, or \$100. per week for eleven weeks. A lengthy discussion then ensued as to possible means of raising this amount. It was decided to call a special meeting for business on August 10th at eleven o'clock to arrive at some decision on this question. Ros Spier, Ellen Paullin and Tal Neece will explore possibilities and report at that time.
6. The weekend of October 25th-26th was approved as a time for the observance of the 25th Anniversary of the Meeting House. Ideas and suggestions are to be funnelled through Marge Baechler.
7. Tasks for the Meeting House outdoor work day on Saturday, June 21st, were outlined. The request of the Quaker Lane Nursery School to hold a Tag Sale here in October was not approved.
8. Peace and Social Concerns presented its annual report. A suggestion was made that George Lakey be asked to speak as part of the Anniversary Weekend.
9. The meeting approved a suggestion that a picture of the meeting members be taken this fall.
10. It was reported that sixty-seven members have registered for the Long Pond weekend, June 13th to 15th, with the numbers almost equally divided between adults and children.

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11. Then adjourned to meet next on August 10th.

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August 10, 1975

1. A specially called meeting for business of the Hartford Monthly Meeting was held on Sunday, August 10th at 11:00 at the Meeting House.
2. Ministry and Counsel recommended for membership in the meeting Barbara Taylor and the three Taylor children - William L., Susan, and Beth for Junior membership. The Meeting approved. Roz and Louise Spier, Kiki and Anne Wolf will welcome them for the Meeting.
3. At six o'clock on Thursday evening, August 14th, there will be a pot-luck supper at the Meeting House to talk with Rosemary Zion who is visiting in the area from Montana.
4. Kiki Wolf read a letter regarding a gifted young Nigerian student at the Greater Hartford Community College who needs financial help in meeting medical bills resulting from a mugging. The total amount of her bills is \$1200 which the hospital has already reduced by half. The suggestion was made and approved that the Meeting forward \$100 to be made up through individual contributions. Before the close of the meeting, \$105 had been collected.
5. It was decided that a group picture of the meeting members be taken on the second Sunday in October. Joel Roberts volunteered to be the official photographer.
6. The discussion on the court monitoring program began with an explanation given by Tom Bodine of the actual financial situation. The original sum of \$1100 needed to carry the program to December 31st has been reduced through generous contributions and lessened weekly operating expenses to \$175. He suggested, however, that in order to continue the program through January, a letter be sent to non-Friends interested in the court monitoring program asking for contributions with a total target of \$675 in mind. Other suggestions for raising funds included a special austerity supper during the Anniversary weekend in October, neighborhood yard sales or a selective sale at the Meeting House, and the letter asking for funds circulated to a larger group.

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7. Another concern expressed was for a strong advisory committee ← Friends and non-Friends - in relation to the court monitoring program. The Meeting approved that the Nominating Committee be asked to appoint a chairman for such a committee.
8. The idea of the Daisy Newman pageant given as a part of the Hartford Bicentennial was presented as another fund-raising device. Also, an Arts and Crafts sale was suggested.
9. The Meeting approved as a first step in fund-raising the sending of a letter asking for contributions. Marjorie Baechler volunteered to work on this and bring in a letter for approval at the September business meeting.
10. Ellen Paullin will funnel ideas regarding the Daisy Newman pageant. This project, the Meeting felt, should be kept in mind and developed.
11. The clerk asked for volunteers to constitute a Program Committee for the Anniversary Weekend.
12. Then adjourned, to meet next on Thursday, September 11th.

Katherine Smedley, Recording Clerk

Helen Brill

Helen Brill, Clerk

September 11, 1975

1. The regular meeting for business of the Hartford Monthly Meeting was held at the Meeting House on Thursday, September 11, 1975 with 24 present.
2. Ministry and Counsel included in its report a request from Dennis Greene, a member, to Saint Ortha, a native of Portugal, to be married in the Meeting House early in October. Ellen and Ted Paullin, Bill and Barbara Taylor were appointed to serve as a committee on clearness.
3. The meeting recorded the Junior membership of Robert Henry Kohout, born August 26, and approved Junior membership for Benjamin Martin Maynard, born August 1, 1975. Both were at the request of their parents.
4. The meeting also approved the recommendations of Ministry and Counsel in regard to the request of New England Yearly Meeting's Ministry and Counsel for the formulation of queries for the use of committees on clearness for marriage, and divorce and separation, and also for discussion of the question of "living unions". The meeting approved all this as a subject for discussion at Quarterly Meeting in February.

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5. A letter from Donna Frey Hanselman requesting withdrawal from membership was read. The meeting accepted this and Talmadge Neece and Helen Brill were asked to visit her.
6. The Treasurer's report indicated the sum of \$11,284.78 needed by December 31st.
7. The clerk announced the death of Frank Gademan, September 8th. A memorial service is to be held for him on Saturday, September 13th, at 3:00 p.m. in the Meeting House.
8. Ellen Paullin outlined tentative plans for the Anniversary of the building of our Meeting House, October 25th-26th: a dinner Saturday evening preceded and followed by programs presenting the history of the meeting in pictures and reminiscences, an eleventh hour on Sunday with Tom Bodine heading a panel on "Looking Forward" and, finally, a very simple lunch with contributions given to court monitoring.
9. A report on the Court Monitoring project was presented by Ron Cretaro listing the progress made during the two years the program has been in operation. The Nominating Committee expressed its inability to select a chairman for an advisory committee as requested in the special meeting of August 10th. This was due to a lack of definition of the function of this committee. After some discussion, the meeting decided that the court monitoring program should continue to be a part of Peace and Social Concerns. Roz Spier is to be asked to convene the present court monitoring subcommittee of Peace and Social Concerns. The committee is then to meet, name a chairman, oversee, evaluate and make recommendations. It is also to be able to add additional members to its number.
10. Donald Mick will serve as representative to the Quarterly Meeting at Mount Toby, October 18-19.
11. Then adjourned to meet next on October 9th.

Katherine Smedley, Recording Clerk

Helen Brill, ClerkOctober 9, 1975

1. The regular meeting for business of the Hartford Monthly Meeting was held at the Meeting House on Thursday, October 9th, with thirty-seven in attendance.

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2. The meeting approved a recommendation from Ministry and Counsel that the following minute be recorded: "The Meeting records that Michael Meshenuk has received classification as a conscientious objector from his local board in September."
3. Ministry and Counsel also conveyed a suggestion that an opportunity be provided to discuss the nature of the Quaker meeting for worship. The Meeting expressed interest in this idea and the suggestion was made that such a discussion might be held during an Eleventh Hour or on a Thursday evening.
4. The committee on clearness reported on its talk with Dennis Greene and Saint Horta regarding their request to be married in the Meeting House on November 8th under the care of the meeting. Friends approved of his. Tom Bodine, Ellen and Ted Paullin, Barbara and Bill Taylor will serve as a committee of oversight.
5. The Treasurer reported a need for \$10,348.78 in the next three months in order to meet our budget. Robert Brill has offered to take over the responsibility of the Treasurer's books and to simplify them. The Nominating Committee has suggested, therefore, that he serve as Treasurer for the remainder of the year, i.e. until June 1st. The Meeting approved of this nomination and of the minute authorizing him as such. This follows:

The Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends appoints Robert M. Brill as its Treasurer to serve until a successor is named, and authorizes him to draw funds on all its bank accounts and to open and close bank accounts.

6. The Nominating Committee also asked for suggestions of someone who might be able to take over the mailing list which Robert Brill has kept so faithfully.
7. Virginia Dattoo reported in most encouraging terms on the organization and program of the First day School as it opened this fall.
8. Ron Cretaro spoke of the progress of the work of the Court Monitoring Committee including its action in regard to those arresting during the October 4th demonstration at Pratt and Whitney in protest against military planes to be used as vehicles of death. Other Friends contributed their impressions of the events related to this. Members of the committee suggested that an opportunity be made for dialogue between some of the participants in the demonstrations, members of the committee, and all those interested in the discussion of alternative methods of protest. Thursday evening, October 16th, at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, October 19th, at Eleventh Hour were agreed upon as suitable times for two sessions on this subject.
9. Jeanne Clepper spoke of the needs of a Puerto Rican family who have recently moved into one of the inter-racial Church Action apartments. A list of the items needed will be included in the Bulletin.

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10. Dorothy Meshenuk reported on the FUM Interpretation Weekend which she and Archie attended, October 3 - 5, at Richmond, Indiana.
11. Don Mick, Ellen and Ted Paullin are representatives to Quarterly Meeting at Mt. Toby, October 18-19th.
12. A letter from Alexander Purdy was read asking if a simple marker for him and his wife might be placed in the Meeting House yard upon their deaths. This letter and its request was referred to the Memorial Committee.
13. Then adjourned to meet next on Thursday, November 13th.

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Helen Brill, Clerk

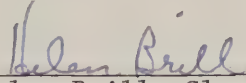
November 13, 1975

1. The regular meeting for business of the Hartford Monthly Meeting was held on Thursday, November 13th, with twenty-three in attendance.
2. The following Memorial Minute for Mary Waldron Andrews who died on October 17 was read at the close of a period of silence in her memory. Friends approved of its inclusion in the minutes.
3. Ministry and Counsel reported on an application for Junior Membership for James Alan Spier, aged six. A welcoming visit to him will be made by Richard Boulton, Margaret Morrison and Peggy Conant.
4. Ministry and Counsel recommends that the application of James Gould for membership in the meeting be accepted. The meeting approved. Robert Brill and Jeanne Clepper will welcome him on the Meeting's behalf.
5. The death of Hendrick Bruynes, 58, a former attender of our Meeting, was announced. His death occurred in London on October 16.
6. A schedule has been arranged by Ministry and Counsel by which some members of this meeting will attend the meeting in Watertown at least once every month.
7. The meeting asked Wendell Clepper to visit Bruce Baechler in the prison in West Virginia, and to talk with him, with the warden of the prison and with local Friends relative to Bruce's relations with the prison authorities, his projected visit to his home at Christmas, and his attendance at the Friends' Meeting in Morgantown. Travelling expenses of both Wendell and Bruce will come from the Sharing Fund with an opportunity for Friends to contribute on an individual basis.

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8. The committee to oversee the wedding of Dennis S. Greene and Maria de Sao Jose Belchior Horta on November 8th reported favorably on that event.
9. The Treasurer reported that \$9,939 is needed by December 31st to balance the budget.
10. The Finance Committee would like to include memorial funds not given for any particular purpose in with general funds. The Nursery School is planning to increase its contribution to the meeting to as near the sum of \$1600 as possible this year in keeping with inflationary pressures.
11. The Finance Committee is investigating the purposes for which the present telephone tax is being used before asking the meeting for a decision as to whether or not we should resume paying it.
12. The meeting approved the recommendation of the Finance Committee that we forego an outside audit of the accounts for the years 1972, 1973, 1974 in view of the de facto audits which have recently been made by successive treasurers.
13. The Memorial Committee reported on the most recent information that it has secured regarding a wall on which memorial plaques could be placed. This provoked considerable discussion on various types of memorials. It was suggested that the committee hold an open meeting to discuss alternative proposals for memorials.
14. The meeting agreed to the request of Alexander and Jeannette Purdy to have a simple marker for them on the meeting house grounds.
15. Reports were given of recent Firstday School activities, of the Mt. Toby Quarterly Meeting, and of current specific concerns of the Peace and Social Concerns Committee. Archie Meshenuk appealed for members of the meeting to bring one article of food each week for the Food Bank at Horace Bushnell Church and South Park Methodist Church.
16. The Nominating Committee reported that Agnes Boulton has agreed to take on the responsibility for the mailing list. The Meeting approved.
17. Then adjourned to meet next on December 11th.

Katherine Smedley, Recording Clerk


Helen Brill, Clerk

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MEMORIAL MINUTE FOR MARY WALDRON ANDREWS

Mary Waldron Andrews, for 21 years a member of the Hartford Meeting, died on October 17, 1975, at the age of eighty-six. Until August of this year Mary lived alone in her Hartford apartment, faithful in attendance and support of the Meeting.

Born and reared in Maine, of Quaker stock, Mary graduated from Bates College in 1911, and then taught school. She and her husband moved to Hartford when he became a teacher and guidance counsellor at Weaver High School. Mary, a friend of Edith Clapp's, started attending Meeting at the YWCA, even before the group met at the Hartford Seminary, because, as she said, she didn't believe in the Apostles' Creed. She leaves three children, ten grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and a sister.

Mary will be especially missed by the Meeting's sewing group of which she was a devoted member. Many was the time she took garments home with her, renovating them on her old treadle sewing machine. Until a year ago she continued to make beautiful hooked rugs. Her sturdy independence was a constant inspiration. Despite advancing years we never once heard her complain or ask for help. Even when her purse was snatched she refused to live in fear and continued her daily walks. When it was suggested she might enjoy television her reply was typical: "I don't have time for it." Mary Andrews was a unique Friend, and we shall miss her.

A memorial service led by Paul Cates was held in Fairfield, Maine, at the home of Mary's sister.

December 11, 1975

1. The regular meeting for business of the Hartford Monthly Meeting was held Thursday, December 11th, with twenty-six in attendance. It opened with the usual period of worship. Following this a Memorial Minute for Paul Cleaver who died on December 2, 1975 was read. This was approved for inclusion in the minutes with certain changes to be made by James Carpenter.
2. The Meeting agreed to the suggestion that in January, 1976, Ministry and Counsel be held on January 8, and Monthly Meeting, January 15.
3. The Treasurer reported that as a result of austerity measures, budget needs have been reduced, leaving a total of \$2,806. still needed. Another letter asking for contributions to meet the present deficit was read and approved. The Meeting agreed that the unpaid budget contributions to other organizations be met from receipts, if possible, and if not, from Meeting reserve funds.
4. On the recommendation of the Finance Committee, the Meeting expressed appreciation to Wendell and Jeanne Clepper for their visitation to Bruce Baechler and their very comprehensive and Quakerly report.
5. The Finance Committee recommended resumption of payment of the telephone tax which is no longer used for funding the Vietnam war. The Meeting approved.

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6. The Nursery School has asked for the use of the Meeting House for 1-1/2 hours on Friday afternoons. The Finance Committee has asked for \$5.00 per session for this purpose. The Meeting approves.
7. The report on the visitation to Bruce Baechler by Wendell and Jeanne Clepper was presented with additional information regarding Wendell's consultations with representatives of the AFSC, the Friends' Meeting in Washington, and other Friends' groups in Philadelphia. The Meeting expressed appreciation for the initiative of Wendell and Jeanne in going to Morgantown, to Philadelphia and Washington to represent the Meeting and to bring understanding and peace where there are elements of discord among Bruce, the prison authorities, Quaker meetings and organizations, and the "support committee". Although these two Friends have received the backing of our Meeting, they have travelled at considerable expense to themselves and have represented Quaker concern at its traditional best.
8. Quarterly Meeting is to be held here on Sunday, February 1 and will consider suggestions for new queries on marriage, separation and divorce, and on living partnerships. The results of these discussions will be forwarded to Yearly Meeting Ministry and Counsel.
9. Ministry and Counsel submitted a letter from Anne Wolf requesting full membership in the Meeting. Brad Noel and Tal Neece will welcome her on behalf of the Meeting.
10. Ministry and Counsel also referred to the Meeting a suggestion for a possible "refresher course" on Friends consisting perhaps of four sessions on the traditions, beliefs and practices of Friends. This could be held on Thursday evenings beginning in February in individual homes. Interest was expressed in the suggestion.
11. The Meeting minuted its interest in Paul Butterworth's project to write for his descendants about his Quaker forbears and his reminiscences of his childhood.
12. Then adjourned to meet next on Thursday, January 15.

Katherine Smedley, Recording Clerk



Helen Brill, Clerk

MEMORIAL MINUTE FOR HENRY PAUL CLEAVER

This is to record the death of Henry Paul Cleaver at the home of his son Henry Paul Cleaver, Jr., at Niverville, N.Y., on December 2, 1975. He was 81 and had been in failing health for some time but had no pronounced suffering and his life ended in his sleep.

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Paul, as we knew him, came to Hartford with his wife Hannah Yarnall Cleaver, whose earlier death has been recorded, at the instance of the Fuller Brush Company where he assumed the position of Works Manager. He had earned a wide reputation as an especially successful negotiator in bringing labor and management together in disputes, using Friends' principles, he having joined Friends while a student at the University of Delaware, near his birthplace.

Both Paul and Hannah were zealous in good works and ready always to help in Hartford Friends' concerns. Paul helped generously in the building of the Meeting House and in the move from the rooms kindly loaned us at the Hartford Seminary. He set up The Paul and Hannah Cleaver Scholarship Fund for Hartford Meeting students needing help with college costs. At one time he was a member of the New England Yearly Meeting's Committee on Investments. As an engineer Paul served the Meeting professionally during construction of the Meeting House, and his invention of the mechanism that made the "Ginny Doll" walk produced some of the funds which he donated to the Meeting. These facets of his expertise were known to only a few and demonstrated the humility that was his nature.

Paul spoke in Meeting when moved to do so, and those attending in his time will remember his deep feeling expressed when he repeated the Twenty-third Psalm.

A Memorial Service for Paul Cleaver was held at the Meeting House on Dec. 13.

January 15, 1976

1. The regular meeting for business of the Hartford Monthly Meeting was held on Thursday, January 15, in the Meeting House. Thirty-three were in attendance.
2. The Memorial Meeting for Mabel Bailey will be held on Saturday, January 17 at 2:00 p.m.
3. Ministry and Counsel reported favorably on the application for membership of Max Paulin, and of Lisa, Diana and Priscilla Paulin for Junior Membership. The meeting approved. Pat Ritter, Ellen and Ted Paulin will welcome them.
4. March 21, April 25 and May 16 have been suggested by Ministry and Counsel as dates for evening discussions on Quakerism. William Barton will introduce the series at the meeting house on February 13 at 7:30 p.m. with a slide talk on "Friends Around the World".
5. A lengthy discussion ensued on the proposed queries regarding marriage and living partnerships. It was agreed that these be presented to the Quarterly Meeting on February 1 in the form of a summary of the chief questions this meeting has considered over the past few weeks, rather than in the form of queries. It was also agreed to include for consideration the list of questions the Hartford Meeting has used over the past years in discussing clearness for marriage with those who wish to be married under the care of the meeting.

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6. The Library Committee reported on the Meeting Library calling attention to its value 'as a Quaker Resource Library, to the individual contributions of members who have made it what it is, and asking for a volunteer staff to keep it functioning and its contents fully available. It was agreed to send a copy of this report to every member. It was suggested that an Eleventh Hour be devoted to acquainting members with the contents of the library, and that a definite day be set aside each month when members might come to do whatever is needed.
7. The Finance Committee submitted its report for 1975 and announced that an open meeting will be held at the Meeting House at 7:45 p.m. on January 26 to which all are invited for a consideration of the 1976 budget. A copy of their report is attached.
8. Roz Spier called attention to the New England Regional Conference in support of the Continental Walk for Disarmament and Social Justice to be held in Hartford on Saturday, January 31.
9. Henry Baechler relayed a suggestion from the Cambridge Meeting that the Good Friday Peace Vigil for New England be held this year in Hartford. The meeting did not feel it wise to follow this suggestion.
10. It was also announced that the Friends' Conference for Religion and Psychiatry is considering a series of regional conferences in the near future.
11. Roz Spier, Sally Morrison and Henry Baechler will serve as representatives to Quarterly Meeting in Hartford on February 1.
12. Then adjourned to meet next on Thursday, February 12.

Katherine Smedley, Recording Clerk

Helen Brill, ClerkFebruary 12, 1976

1. The regular Hartford monthly meeting for business was held on Thursday evening, February 12, at the Meeting House, with twenty-eight present.
2. A memorial minute for Mabel Bailey was read and, with certain changes, the Meeting asked that it be included in the minutes. It will be forwarded to Quarterly Meeting.
3. Ministry and Counsel called attention to the forthcoming series of discussions on Quakerism to be held on March 21, April 25 and May 16. These will each be preceded by a pot luck supper at the meeting house. Yearly Meeting Ministry and Counsel has asked to hold an all-day workshop on Saturday, March 20, at the Hartford Meeting House on the topic, "Toward a Quaker View of Marriage."

HARTFORD MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS

Annual Report and balance sheet for calendar year 1975

EXPENSES	Forward from '74	Budget	Income	Expense	Forward to 1976
Budget accounts	\$12345.82		50.00	300.25	
Cash on hand Jan. 1					
Individual contributions		22028	21048.22		
obby box			5.25		
se of building		1400	1910.00		
ralits mortgage		800	836.04		
		24228	23849.51	300.25	
on budget receipts		24228	net \$23549.26		
emorial contributions (Brown, Williams Andrews, Cleaver)			1655.00	1655.00	
avings bank interest			489.59	489.59	
EXPENSES					
Budget accounts					
ustodian salary Building & Grounds		2800		2520.00	
" social security		163		176.46	
" pension		500		500.00	
lectricity		700		561.32	
onsumable supplies		400		427.18	
as (heat)		1200		1163.29	
nsurance		1050		753.25	
outine maintenance		500		452.69	
elephone		150		164.04	
ater		50		95.10	
epairs to Meeting H ouse		300		300.00	
ting's operating expense & obligations					
ccounting		300		255.44	
ostage		200		125.68	
eting notices in Quaker press		50		42.00	
ew England Yearly Meeting		7800		7800.00	
ulletin and secretarial		700		551.85	
inistry and Counsel		225		90.72	
lark's discretionary expense		50		6.00	
cation					
eleventh Hour		300		132.00	
irst Day School		250		184.40	
cung Friends		50		30.00	
riends General Conference		550		550.00	
tendance at conferences & committees		250		117.79	
ibrary		250		120.27	
aker Lane Nursery Schhol Scholarships		-		-	
al Concerns					
pace and Social Concerns		150		50.32	
ourt watching allocation		2500		2500.00	
othing relief		75		-	
ing and Outreach					
ospitality		125		80.76	
aring Fund allocation		25		25.00	
fts		100		44.88	
th anniversary			18.52		
upport of wider Quaker concerns		2230		2230.00	
upport of non Quaker organizations		235		235.00	
		24228	18.52	22285.44	
			net 22266.92		
			1282.34		
ing capital balance					11628.16

NON BUDGET ACCOUNTS	Forward from '74	Income	Expense	Forward to 1
Reserve for Meeting House Repairs	869.15	600.00	269.00	1200
" & Op.Ac. 143 Maplewood	(5199.72)	1380.00	1235.94	(5055)
" " " " 151 Maplewood	(491.44)	1555.96	1363.19	(298)
Beautification Fund	10000.00	577.51	218.60	10358
Books and pamphlets	(313.44)	110.29	126.79	(328)
Quaker Cookbooks	(512.17)	54.00		(438)
African student Fund	(155.13)	3625.00	2145.80	1324
Cleaver Scholarship Fund	6841.00	4184.85	1000.00	10025
Sharing Fund	4247.87	2729.59	1697.58	5279
Funds for Specially Designated Pur- poses (Gilbert, Rich, Clapp, Baechler, sweater project, World Hunger, FCNL)	1820.24	553.94	1869.47	504
Court Watching	1604.72	4122.41	5024.52	702
Kearney Pension Fund		1160.76		1160
Accounts payable		832.31		832
Accounts receivable	(15.00)			(15)
Soc. sec. & withheld taxes payable	65.66	740.16	795.61	10
Greater Hartford Group Homes equity	20000.00			20000
	<u>38761.74</u>	<u>22226.78</u>	<u>15746.50</u>	<u>45242</u>
Total assets, not including buildings and grounds				56870

December 31, 1975 bank balances:

Conn. Bank & Trust - check account	3430.13
Society for Savings - general funds	11382.40
Conn. Savings & Loan - Cleaver Fund	10025.85
Savings Bank of New Britain - Beaut.	10340.15
" " " " " gen'l funds	530.89
" " " " " Kearney Pens	1160.76
Grter Htfd Group Homes investment	20000.00
	<u>56870.18</u>

STATISTICS ON GIVING: On Nov. 17 the annual letter on giving was sent to 204 Members, Attenders and Friends of the Meeting; this did not include junior members 18 and over nor adult members who are part of family households. Because on Nov. 30 we had received only \$16547 toward the budgeted \$24228 (a shortfall of \$7681), we sent another letter on Dec. 12, at which date we were still short \$2806; this letter went to members only, including juniors and over and adult members part of households. We closed the year with a shortfall of only \$679 on the budgeted amount. Because of austerity (not spending budgeted amounts) and because actual expenses proved less than the amounts anticipated, we ended the year with \$1282 more than we actually spent. Here are some figures on individual giving for the year:

MEMBERS OF THE MEETING			NON MEMBERS	
Couples both members	Juniors 18 & over	All other adults	Couples	Other adults
\$500 up	5	2		
\$400-499	3	3		
\$300-399	8	2		
\$200-299	1	12	2	2
\$100-199	10	14	2	4
\$25-99	4	25	2	8
under \$25		8	2	7
nothing	2	35	1	7
	<u>33(66)</u>	<u>101</u>	<u>7(14)</u>	<u>28</u>

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4. The annual Statistical Report was presented, noting a net gain of four members in 1975. The number of deaths in that year - five in all - was greater than at any time since 1960.
5. The Treasurer's report noted a large discrepancy between expenditures in January and the small amount of contributions received to-date. A gift of \$1,000 from the estate of Paul Cleaver was reported.
6. The Finance Committee submitted its projected budget for 1976 with an estimated expenditure of \$26,246 as opposed to \$24,028 for 1975, an approximate increase of 8%. The increase of \$750 in the appropriation for the Court Watching program provides for legal fees when necessary and for a modest increase in the amount paid to Ron Cretaro. The Finance Committee was asked to look into the possibility of buying some folding chairs and tables instead of renting them each year. The Meeting approved the budget with appreciation for the work of the Finance Committee.
7. The Finance Committee also proposed an increase in rates for use of the Meeting House rooms on a daily and semi-daily basis beginning April 1. The Meeting approved.
8. The Finance Committee also recommended a loan of \$500 to the Friends' General Conference for reprinting a British publication, "Toward a Quaker View of Sex." Interest on the loan will be paid at the rate of 5-1/4%. The Meeting approved.
9. An extensive report from the Court Monitoring Project Committee was read. It included accounts of action now in progress based on a complaint concerning the judicial practice and conduct of one judge and also the filing of a suit against the State Freedom of Information Commission based on denial of a request of this group for access to court records.
10. Roz Spier reported on Quarterly Meeting held here on February 1. She also reported on the 1976 Continental Walk for Disarmament and Social Justice. The Meeting approved of the suggestion that we offer the walkers the facilities of the meeting house for their use on or about August 22. Members were asked to make suggestions as to how the walkers might make most effective use of their time while in Hartford.
11. Then adjourned to meet next on Thursday, March 11.



Katherine Smedley, Recording Clerk

Helen Brill, Clerk

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MEMORIAL MINUTE FOR MABEL GOOGINS BAILEY, 1893 - 1976

In Mabel Bailey, Hartford Meeting lost not only a beloved member, but one whose Quaker work in the wider field was an inspiration to us.

Born in Massachusetts and reared in Maine, she was a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Bates College. She taught in Maine until her marriage to Moses Bailey, a friend from childhood, now professor emeritus of Old Testament, Hartford Seminary Foundation. At that time, in 1917, she joined Friends and was all her life a strong helpmate in her husband's work as teacher, missionary and in the American Friends Service Committee.

The Baileys served in the Middle East three times. Both taught at the Ram Allah Friends School in Mandated Palestine; later they were in Beirut, Lebanon, where Mabel Bailey taught Shakespeare at the Armenian High School; and in 1953-1954 both served in Israel and various Arab countries as representatives for the American Friends Service Committee.

A founding member of the Hartford Friends Meeting, Mabel Bailey was at one time President of the Hartford YWCA, a member of the Women's Board of the Hartford Seminary Foundation, of the North End Day Care Center, and of Church Women United. She served not only on committees of her Meeting, but took part in Yearly Meeting committees and served on the Board of Foreign Missions of the then Five Years Meeting.

Blessed with her presence for many years, Hartford Friends will not forget her unfailing cheerfulness, her wit and humor, her endless kindness to students, friends and neighbors, her faithfulness in commitment, her love of beauty, and her ability to attract with ease those with whom she came in contact.

A Memorial Meeting was held on January 17 at the Hartford Friends Meeting, attended by many Friends from far and near, and by four generations of her family.

Mabel Googins Bailey
Dec. 13, 1893 - Jan. 12, 1976

March 11, 1976

1. The regular Hartford Monthly Meeting for business was held at the Meeting House on Thursday evening, March 11, 1976 with twenty-seven in attendance.
2. Ministry and Counsel reported on arrangements for the Yearly Meeting Ministry and Counsel workshop to be held here on March 20 and also for the series of discussions on Quakerism, March 21, April 25 and May 16. The subcommittee on Older Friends has investigated a possible questionnaire which could be filled out by members and the information used by the Memorial Committee on the occasion of death.

When Monthly Meetings consist of more than one Meeting (Preparative, Particular, Followed, Worship Group), each Meeting should fill out a blank for the Monthly Meeting. Each Monthly Meeting should make up its report from these Meeting reports, where more than one is involved; otherwise use only the column at the right of the page.

On the Quarterly Meeting form one column should be filled in for each constituent Monthly Meeting and totals given in the right hand column.

	Constituent Meetings						Total
1. Number of Members last year (12/31/1974),							232
2. Additions due to Omissions in last year's Report,							0
3. Additions by Birth or Request of Parents,							7
4. Additions by Request, including from another Denomination,							8
5. Additions by Certificate from another Friends Meeting,							0
6. Total Additions,							15
7. Loss due to Removal of Persons included by Error in last year's Report,							0
8. Loss by Death (list name and date on back of form),							5
9. Loss by Discontinuance, Resignation, or Disownment,							3
10. Loss by Transfer to another Friends Meeting,							3
11. Loss by Letter to another Denomination,							0
12. Total Loss,							11
13. Number of Members this Year (12/31/1975),							236
14. Net Gain,							4
15. Net Loss,							—
16. Number of Males,							97
17. Number of Females,							139
18. Number under 25 years of age,							86
19. Number over 65 years of age,							39
20. Number of Junior Members,							78
21. Number of Junior Members Transferred to Active Membership,							1
22. Number of Resident Members, ¹							160
23. Number of Non-Resident Members,							76
24. Average Attendance at Sunday Worship (estimate), ²							65
25. Number of Sojourning & Affiliated Members,							0
26. Number Participating in Sunday Classes or Discussions, ³							75
27. Number of Meetings held Regularly on Weekdays, ⁴							0
28. Number of Members attending Friends' Schools and Colleges, ⁵							—

Deaths : 1975

Ralph Mehlin Williams	2 - 25 - 1975
William David Clark	3 - 10 - 1975
Frank John Gademan	9 - 8 - 1975
Mary Widron Andrews	10 - 17 - 1975
Henry Paul Cleaver	12 - 2 - 1975

Friends Schools

Westtown
Guilford College
Earlham College

Resident Members--those living within commuting distance.
Include those present for part of the time of worship.
Adults, children, teachers, leaders.
Meetings for worship, Discussion, etc. May describe on back of form.
Please list schools on back.
Prove your figures by adding number of Males and Females which should give total number of Members; also by adding Resident and Non-Resident Members.
The Monthly Meeting Recorder should keep a copy of these Statistics;
the Monthly Meeting Clerk should keep a copy of these Statistics with the Minutes;
the copy of these Statistics should be sent to the Quarterly Meeting Clerk;
the copy of these Statistics should be sent to the Yearly Meeting Office, The Maine idyll, Freeport, ME 04032, by May 1, 1976.
the Quarterly Meeting Clerk should keep a copy of the Quarterly Meeting Statistics with the Quarterly Meeting Minutes.
a copy of the Qrly. Mtg. Statistics goes to Yrly. Mtg. Office, Freeport, ME 04032.

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3. The Treasurer reported on excess of contributions over expenditures for the first two months of this year. Henry Baechler, the auditor, stated that after careful examination the Meeting's books for the year 1975 were found in excellent condition. The Meeting expressed appreciation for the auditor's painstaking report.
4. Representatives to the Connecticut Friends' Council submitted a report on the meeting held in Middletown, March 7. Among the topics discussed was the reorganization of the Connecticut Council of Churches. The next meeting of the CFC will be held at Wilton on April 11.
5. Peace and Social Concerns reported on plans for a Yearly Meeting workshop on Nuclear Power to be held at our meeting house on April 3 from 10 to 4 p.m.
6. Court Monitoring reported on the progress of the freedom of information hearings and other activities of the committee. They have secured the services of a lawyer, Eliot Nerenburg, as legal advisor for the project. Minute Sixty of the New England Yearly Meeting has given \$1,000 for their use.
7. The Finance Committee recommended that the \$1,000 left to the meeting by Paul Cleaver be used for an enclosed entryway which would also provide appropriate access for use of the handicapped. Members were asked to submit ideas and plans for such a front entrance. The Meeting approved the use of the sum for this type of building expenditure.
8. The committee appointed a year ago to consider the use of the gift of \$10,000 for the purpose of beautifying the meeting house submitted a carefully detailed plan. This plan envisaged the construction of a hospitality center with a room for visiting guests or meetings to be known as the Williams Room and an adjoining upstairs kitchenette. After some discussion, the Meeting decided to postpone consideration until next month.
9. The Finance Committee suggested that members of the meeting be given an opportunity to contribute to the repair of damage done to the Des Moines, Iowa meeting house and AFSC center through bombing. The Meeting approved and contributions were immediately forthcoming. Moses Bailey wrote a letter to accompany the gift.
10. A proposal to hold a Quarterly Meeting retreat at Powell House, Oct. 8 to Oct. 10 was considered and a significant amount of interest expressed.
11. The meeting approved a suggestion to begin business meetings at 7:30p.m. instead of at 7:45p.m.
12. Then adjourned to meet next on April 8.

Katherine Smedley
Katherine Smedley, Recording Clerk

Helen Brill
Helen Brill, Clerk

April 8, 1976

Monthly Meeting for Business

1. Meeting began with worship during which a request from Watertown Allowed Meeting to Connecticut Valley Quarterly Meeting to advance to status of full monthly meeting was presented. Hartford Meeting supports this decision with the following minute;

Hartford Friends rejoice with Watertown Meeting in its decision to seek monthly meeting status. This venture of faith follows prayerful searching and betokens high commitment. It has our warm support. We look forward to helping Conn. Valley Quarterly Meeting with this request. May way open for growth in spirit as well as numbers.

Ministry and Counsel reported that:

1. A Bible study group has been formed which will meet biweekly. Harry Emerson Fosdick's Guide to Understanding the Bible will be used.
2. In preparation for Easter, Meeting for Worship will be held on Maundy Thursday, April 15, at 7:30p.m.
3. Announcements following Meeting for Worship will be kept brief and relevant to Meeting concerns. An easel was proposed for posting current programs of interest.
4. Gordon Browne will speak on "Friends' Testimonies" on April 25 following a special fellowship luncheon.

Recorder Theodore Paullin reported that letters were sent Feb. 9 to the four Junior Members now 25 years old, asking if they desired to become full members. Daria Meshenuk sent a thoughtful reply explaining that although she is practicing her Quaker beliefs in her daily work, she does not feel comfortable about accepting membership in our Meeting because distance prevents her from participating fully. The other three Junior Members did not reply. The Meeting approved removal from membership of Timothy Dexter Cheney, Darianne Martha Meshonuk, Hajo Leslie Peter Knuttel and Martha Lois Roberts.

The following representatives were appointed to Quarterly Meeting in New Haven, May 1-2: Donald Mick, Francis Helfrick and Sally Morrison.

The treasurer, Robert Brill, reported receipts of \$6,307.09 as of March 31. Expenses for this same period were \$4,997.71. Ralph Williams' interest in African students is being continued through his daughter, Hannah Williams Boulton, who is contributing through the Meeting to the support of Charles Lidala at William Penn College in Oskaloosa, Iowa. The Meeting approved continuance of this work.

The preliminary report of the Nominating Committee was presented, and additions and suggestions were made. The final report will be given in May. The Meeting approved designating the heads of committees as clerks rather than chairmen.

The proposal for creating a hospitality center, including a living-room, kitchen unit and shower was approved. The Committee was encouraged to go forward with its plan.

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Friends discussed appreciatively the specially called Meeting of Concern for our member, Bruce Baechler, which was held following regular Meeting for Worship on April 4, 1976. This was done at the request of Bill Moyers, TV producer, for the purpose of publicizing the plight of Bruce Baechler, the only draft refuser in the nation presently in prison. During this gathered meeting vocal ministry expressed continuing support of Bruce and individual reaffirmation of the historic Friends peace testimony. Henry Baechler reported on his visit to Morgantown, West Virginia federal prison, where Bruce is serving a 26-month sentence; both attended Morgantown Friends Meeting on March 28, exactly three years following Bruce's refusal to register for the draft. He was 21 years old on March 29, 1976. Although eligible for parole on April 9, 1976, parole was denied.

The Meeting for Concern was filmed for inclusion in the public television network program "USA: People and Politics". Television commentator Bill Moyers, producer Richard Kotuk, and technical crew also interviewed and filmed Bruce at the prison.

Overseers at the April 16 Good Friday Witness for Peace on the Boston Common will be Rosalind Spier and Henry Baechler. Six Friends plan to participate.

A report was given by Margaret Morrison on the New England Yearly Meeting's "Workshop on Nuclear Power", held at the Meeting House on April 3.

A Memorial Committee reported:

1. Membership and duties of the Memorial Committee.
2. Two questionnaires will be prepared for distribution to all members and attenders. The first will request biographical information. The second will cover instructions to be followed in event of death.
3. A proposal was presented that those wishing to commemorate a deceased family member may place a brick-sized plaque on the existing southwest wall, with no responsibility to the Meeting for installation, maintenance or replacement. This proposal was laid over until May.

Transportation by chartered bus will be available to Friends General Conference to be held in Ithaca, N. Y., June 26-July 3.

Then adjourned to meet next on May 13.

Elsa Cullen

Elsa Cullen, Recording Clerk, pro tem

Helen Brill

Helen Brill, Clerk

May 13, 1976

The regular Hartford Monthly Meeting for Business was held at the Meeting House on Fifth Month 13, 1976, with twenty-one in attendance.

The meeting opened with a period of worship, during which the Clerk read the third query from the New England Yearly Meeting Faith and Practice.

The Treasurer reported receipts of \$7604 through Fourth Month 30, towards a budget of \$26,000.

He reported gifts received for the Court Monitoring Program of \$1000 from the Minute 60 Committee of the New England Yearly Meeting, and \$750 from the Cottonwood Foundation.

It was pointed out that 75 members and regular attenders did not contribute to the meeting in 1975.

Fritz Semmler reported for the Memorial Committee. He proposed allowing members to affix memorial plaques to the brick wall south of the front wall of the Meeting House. James Carpenter stated that the plan was to use the existing wall extension, do some landscaping, and build a trellis. After some expressions of reluctance, the Meeting accepted the minute which had been laid over at the April meeting:

"3. That those wishing to commemorate a deceased family member may place a brick-sized plaque on the existing southwest wall, with no responsibility to the Meeting for installation, maintenance, or replacement."

Wendell Clepper presented the report of the Nominating Committee for 1976-1977. Some additions were made to the mimeographed list (attached to these minutes). The Meeting approved the report.

The Meeting appointed Sally Morrison to a three year term on the Nominating Committee.

Jeanne Clepper reported for Ministry and Counsel. Frank and Sandra Garfi have transferred as full members and Kimberly and Rebecca Garfi as Junior Members from Seaville Monthly Meeting in New Jersey. Dorothy Meshenuk and Donald Mick were appointed as a welcoming committee.

Daisy Newman will be here to speak on Fifth Month 16.

The Bible Study Group is to meet on Second Day, Fifth Month 17.

It was reported that Bruce Baechler is to go to a half-way house in North Carolina until September. He has been attending Morgantown Meeting for Worship every other week. The Meeting expressed its appreciation of Quakers at Morgantown, West Virginia, for their care and kindness extended to a member of our meeting, Bruce Baechler, who has been serving a sentence at the Federal Prison there since July, for refusal to register for the military draft. The Clerk was asked to see that a letter conveying such appreciation be addressed to their Meeting Clerk.

HARTFORD MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS
Committee List: June 1, 1976 - May 31, 1977

ARK	Helen Brill	TREASURER	Robert Brill
ISTANT CLERKS	Archie Meshenuk	AUDITOR	Henry Baechler
	Talmadge Neece	RECORDER & ARCHIVIST	Theodore Paullin
ORDING CLERK	Theodore Paullin		

TING ON MINISTRY & COUNSEL	One Year	Two Years	Three Years
	Robert Brill	Mary Forman	Paul Cullen
	Jeanne Clepper	Francis Helfrick	Betty Hathaway
	Richard Conant	Katherine Smedley	Donald Mick

REPRESENTATIVES TO

NEW ENGLAND YEARLY MEETING - Marion Jessell, Robert Brill, Thomas Bodine, Jeanne Clepper

NEW ENGLAND YEARLY MEETING FINANCE COMMITTEE - Henry Baechler

NEW ENGLAND YEARLY MEETING MINISTRY AND COUNSEL - Betty Hathaway

NEW ENGLAND YEARLY MEETING NOMINATING COMMITTEE - Henry Baechler

QUARTERLY MEETING NOMINATING COMMITTEE - Marjorie Baechler

CAPITOL REGION CONFERENCE OF CHURCHES - James Reik

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED - Emily Rinden

CERN FOR OLDER FRIENDS - Alice Cheney, Elsa Cullen, Edith Neece

MAVER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND - Theodore Paullin and Patricia Ritter

ANCE COMMITTEE - Richard Boulton, clerk		
	Robert Brill	Marion Cushman
	James Carpenter	Fazli Datto
	Wendell Clepper	Bruce Loudon
		James Reik
		Emily Rinden
		Arthur Wolf

ICATION - Clerks: Mary Jane Carpenter and Ruth Lilienthal

FIRST DAY SCHOOL

Coordinator - Margaret Morrison	Andy Burt	Sandra Garfi
Curriculum - Virginia Datto	Stephen Burt	Sylvia Helfrick
Mailing - Ann Paulin	Bill Brayfield	Dorothy Meshenuk
Teachers - Betty Hathaway	Clótean Brayfield	Sondra Seligson
	Liesse Brayfield	Barbara Taylor
	Maris Brayfield	Susan Taylor
	Alice Cheney	<i>Ruth Fitch</i>

YOUNG FRIENDS - Donald Mick, Max Paulin, Ellen Searle

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY ENRICHMENT James and Mary Jane Carpenter

William R. and Barbara Taylor

Stephen and Andy Burt

NURSERY SCHOOL LIAISON - Ann Paulin		
ELEVENTH HOUR - Henry Baechler	Katharine Locke	Cynthia Reik
	Nancy Mason	Sondra F. Sigson
	Ellen Paullin	Barbara Taylor
		William L. Taylor

CONFERENCE ENCOURAGERS - Marjorie Baechler and Lisa Perretti

LIBRARY - Frances DeCou, clerk		
	Beatrice Coward	Mary Jane Carpenter
	Henry Baechler	Virginia Hicks
	Agnes Boulton	Sally Morrison
		Gertrude Torry
		Ruth Wojan
		Frances Zane

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS - Archie Meshenuk, clerk

Robert Brill	Francis Helfrick	Ellen Poullin	Arthur Wolf
James Gould	Art Knuttel	Alaric Wojan	James Wolf
John Gove	Thomas Mangan	Timothy Wojan	

BEAUTIFICATION - Daphne Brown Elso Cullen Kiki Wolf
 Mary Jane Carpenter Francis Helfrick

MAINTENANCE - James Carpenter, Eric Fitch
 BUILDING USE - Alice Cheney (521-5884)

FELLOWSHIP AND OUTREACH - Clerks: Marjorie Baechler, Wendell Clepper

MAILING LIST - Agnes Boulton

HOSPITALITY - Alice Cheney, clerk

Henry Baechler	Amy Hathaway	Katharine Locke	Diana Poulin
Agnes Boulton	Judith Jones	Aileen Mangan	Jean Perretti
Dorothy Carlsten	Petrona Jones	Sally Morrison	Leslie Perretti
Ellen Conant	Wilfred Kersten	Edith Neece	Katherine Smedley
Grace Fogg	Kim Klitgaard	Geraldine Noonan	Bernard Wojan
Lisa Graf	Martha Klitgaard	Johanna Noonan	Ruth Wojan

INFORMATION SECRETARY - Ruth Wojan (561-0814)

BULLETIN - Talmadge and Edith Neece, editors

Eric Fitch, Ruth Fitch, Karen Fitch, Carolyn Howard, Sally Morrison

MEMORIAL COMMITTEE - Talmadge Neece, convenor

Katharine Locke	Patricia Ritter	Arthur Wolf
Ellen Poullin	Fritz Semmler	

USHERS - Bernard and Ruth Wojan, clerks

Bill Brayfield, Don and Brad Noel, James and Cynthia Reik, Fritz Semmler
 William L. Taylor

YOUNG ADULTS - Max Paulin

PEACE AND SOCIAL CONCERNS - Rosalind Spier, clerk

A.F.S.C. - Rosalind Spier, John Gove

F.C.N.L. - Talmadge Neece, Beatrice Coward, Helen Brill

N.E.Y.M. CONCERNS - Archie Meshenuk

GREATER HARTFORD GROUP HOMES - Jeanne Clepper

CONNECTICUT CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE - Wendell Clepper

CONNECTICUT FRIENDS COUNCIL - Henry Baechler, Jeanne Clepper, Beatrice Coward

COURT MONITORING - Marjorie Baechler, clerk

Jeanne Clepper	Beatrice Coward	Vol. Ginouves	Rosalind Spier
Gerda Conant	Ron Cretaro	Alan Spier	<i>Talmadge Neece</i>

CLOTHING RELIEF - Dorothea Kelsey, Edith Neece

FOOD PANTRY - Archie Meshenuk

NUCLEAR POWER - Margaret Morrison

AT LARGE: John Breasted	Paul Cullen	Rodney McFarland
Jane Cheney	Martha J. Erb	Dorothy Meshenuk
Peggy Conant	John Gove	Don Noel
Virginia Costales	Andrew Linn	Ellen Searle

NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

One Year
 Theodore Paullin

Two Years
 Betty Hathaway

Three Years
Sally Morrison

5/13/76

The following memorial minute concerning Alexander Purdy was read, and approved by the Meeting, to be forwarded to Quarterly Meeting:

Alexander Converse Purdy, who was a member of this Meeting from 1940 to 1968, died on April 10, 1976, in Swarthmore, Pennsylvania.

We looked forward to his presence in Meeting. We knew then that it would be what some of us call "a good meeting." We could come with problems, or pain or sorrow and what he said would send us away stronger, comforted, and with courage. And when he was silent, he was there and he had given us so much, and he had given the world so much that he projected in his presence a high spiritual quality. Often when he spoke, he gathered together previous humble, stumbling messages, giving them unity and importance so that out of his greatness, our worship was deepened.

He knew the Bible and taught it, but he did not address us as pupils. He only let us share in the wisdom and love he had gleaned from his study, and by which he lived.

When he and his dear Jeannette moved away, we were deeply regretful. Now that we must grieve at the final departure of this founder of Hartford Monthly Meeting, we love him in our memories and share the grief of Jeannette and their family. We have lost in Alexander Purdy a man of honor and distinction, a spiritual man, modest and kind.

James Carpenter reported on the Finance Committee meeting held last night. West Hartford has denied permission for a wooden entryway on the addition; a masonry or metal structure will be required. The roof on the Annex is also to be replaced.

The Meeting approved the expenditure of \$2100 for the roof, and up to \$2000, including \$1000 from the Cleaver bequest, for steps and a portico, to be charged to reserves for repairs. Plans for the work are to be submitted by the Building and Grounds Committee.

Donald Mick reported on Quarterly Meeting at New Haven on May 2, 1976. A committee was appointed to visit the proposed Watertown Monthly Meeting, with a special Quarterly Meeting at the beginning of Yearly Meeting to consider its report.

Betsy Young reported on the Powell House weekend for single persons on May 7-9, under the leadership of Lynn Scott. The group is planning to continue communication.

Betty Hathaway reported on a conference on Friends' Concerns for Education held on May 7-9 at North Andover, with 32 persons in attendance.

Jeanne Clepper gave a report on the activities of Greater Hartford Group Homes. Clifford House and Barnard House are still operating as homes for delinquent boys. Most of the support comes from the state, but there is need for supplemental private gifts.

Mary Jane Carpenter presented a proposal from Mary Jo Judd for a Meeting weekend at the 4H Camp on Sept. 24-26. The Meeting approved going forward with plans.

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The Meeting adjourned at 9:45, purposing to meet again on the tenth day of May.

Theodore Paullin
Theodore Paullin,
Recording Clerk, pro tem.

Helen Brill
Clerk

June 10, 1976

Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends convened at 7:30 p.m. - Thirty were in attendance. The meeting opened with a period of worship, during which the Clerk read the Ninth Query for the New England Yearly Meeting Faith and Practice.

The Clerk extended a welcome to the Garfi family. It was reported that Donald Mick and Brad Noel had called upon them to welcome them into membership in the Meeting.

The Treasurer's report was presented by Robert Brill. Through May 31, it showed receipts of \$8,852 and expenses of \$7,360.

The Clerk read a letter from Jeannette Purdy, and a letter from the family of Alexander Purdy.

It was reported that Bruce Baechler is to leave prison for the Half-way House in North Carolina on June 14.

Francis Helfrick reported for Ministry and Counsel. The meeting accepted Ruth Fitch as a member, and Eric and Karen Fitch as junior members. Roz Spier and William L. Taylor were appointed as a welcoming committee.

The Spiers invited the Meeting to a picnic at their home on August 1. The meeting accepted.

Virginia Datto presented the Annual Report of the First Day School. Four groups were maintained during the year, as well as a family Sunday once a month. We will use the Friends General Conference and Friends United Meeting curriculum for 1976-77.

There will be a farewell party for the Conants on June 13, as well as a party of congratulation for James Wolf and Helen Pion, who are to be married on June 19.

Roz Spier reported for the Peace and Social Concerns Committee. It has been a very active month: (a) Attention has been given to establishing a nuclear energy study group. (b) Bruce Martin is appealing his conviction for criminal trespass at United Technology. The meeting approved the use of the mailing list for the solicitation of funds to aid with the appeal expenses, on

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the issue of freedom of speech. (c) The Meeting has not contributed significantly to the pantry for assuaging hunger in Hartford; the Peace and Social Concerns Committee urges greater support and weekly contributions of food. (d) A planning meeting for the Continental Walk for Disarmament and Social Justice through Hartford on August will be held on June 17.

Ron Cretaro presented an impressive report on the year's activity in Court Monitoring, and its impact on the community.

Archie Meshenuk reported for the Committee on Buildings and Grounds. New plans for the roof will have to be made to meet the building code of West Hartford. Costs will prevent building an entry on the annex at present, but plans are to repair the steps immediately.

Elsa Cullen reported progress on preparing the hospitality room, which should be ready in the Fall.

Thomas Bodine, Margaret Morrison, Archie Meshenuk, and Jeanne Clepper were appointed as representatives to the special Quarterly Meeting on August 16. The Meeting approved a gift of a subscription to Friends Journal, and copy of London Yearly Meeting's Christian Faith and Practice for the new Watertown Monthly Meeting.

Bea Coward was appointed as a representative to Friends General Conference in Ithaca, New York.

The Clerk read a card from the Barbers from Vienna, and Art Wolf reported receiving one from Tokyo.

The meeting expressed concern for Charlotte Kitowski, and the recovery of Emil Kitowski from the effects of his being lost in the area of the West Hartford Reservoir.

The meeting adjourned at 9:40, purposing to meet again on the ninth day of September.

Theodore Paullin

Theodore Paullin, Recording Clerk

Helen Brill

Helen Brill, Clerk

Minutes of
Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends
9-9-1976

Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends convened at the Meeting House in West Hartford on Ninth Month 9th, 1976, at 7:30 p.m. 32 were present.

- (1) The meeting opened with a period of worship, during which the Clerk read a paragraph from the 1960 epistle of London Yearly Meeting.
- (2) The Nominating Committee proposed the following appointments:

Moses Bailey for a one-year term on Ministry and Counsel to fill the unexpired term of Richard Conant.
Ruth Fitch and Hall Cushman for the Finance Committee.
Frank Garfi to the Committee on Buildings and Grounds.
Sally Morrison to take over the Mailing List when Agnes Boulton gives it up.

These recommendations were accepted by the meeting.
- (3) Jeanne Clepper presented the report for Ministry and Counsel. They recommended that the meeting accept the application for membership from E. Bruce and Dorothy Fortune Carlston, with Junior Membership for Curtis and Jamie Carlston. The meeting approved, and Margaret Morrison and Virginia Datto were appointed as a welcoming committee.
- (4) Letters have been received from the following members for transfer of their membership to the new Watertown Monthly Meeting, which was established in August: Robert, Susan and Robbie Kohout; Marian Jessell; and Fred, Dorothy, Beth and Anne Wheeler. The meeting granted their request, with both joy and sadness.

A question was raised concerning announcements after meeting for worship.
- (5) Reports were presented on New England Yearly Meeting, at which 17 members of Hartford Meeting were in full-time attendance.

Lisa Paulin & Eric and Karen Fitch reported on Junior Yearly Meeting where the theme was "The Cost of Quakerism", and upon the visit to the old Great Meeting House in Newport. Karen Fitch was selected as Clerk of Junior Yearly Meeting.

Margaret Baechler reported on Young Friends, many of whom are going to go to college. They emphasized their desire to work in closer relationship with the adult portion of Yearly Meeting. Misha Meshenuk, outgoing Clerk of New England Young Friends, expanded on the report, and the value of adult leadership in facilitating Young Friends' activity.

Bill Taylor reported on his experience at China Camp during the summer, where four Hartford families attended.

Robert Brill, Margaret Morrison, and Jeanne Clepper reported on other aspects of Yearly Meeting.
- (6) The Meeting decided to invite New England Friends to meet in Hartford for Committee Day on 22-23 of Fourth Month, 1977.

Wendell Clepper reported for Fellowship and Outreach. Their first concern has been to reach college students in the Hartford area. There is to be a special supper on the 16th of Ninth Month to consider this and other concerns of the committee.

The meeting agreed to send greetings to Friends in Rome, through Laura and Richard Baltaro.

The Treasurer reported that \$12,915 has been raised to September 1, out of a budget of \$26,246.

Virginia Dato reported on the remarkably complete plans for First Day School, which opens on 12th day of Ninth Month. There has been a very encouraging response to the need for teachers. Six classes are being planned, for various age groups.

Ros Spier, for Peace and Social Concerns, reported on the visit to Hartford of the Continental Walk for Disarmament and Social Justice, and distributed a report on Court Monitoring written by Ron Cretaro.

Wendell Clepper reported on the Connecticut Friends Council, which will meet in New Haven on the 26th of this month.

The large accumulation of used clothing at the Meeting House creates problems of the means of shipping it to Philadelphia. A number of possible solutions were suggested.

Elsa Cullen reported that the hospitality kitchen is in working order, along with the shower, and that the rest of the work will be completed after the arrival of carpeting.

The meeting decided to have the planning committee consider guide lines for the use of the facility, with power to co-opt additional members for this purpose.

Ruth, Eric and Karen Fitch, Jeanne Clepper, and Betty and Amy Hathaway were appointed as representatives to Quarterly Meeting at Mt. Toby on Tenth Month 16 and 17. It was suggested that Hartford present its concerns on Court Monitoring and other activities.

For Second Month Quarterly Meeting in Hartford, we will invite Jim Lenhart, Editor of the Friends Journal, and his wife Anne, to meet with us, and will cover the expenses.

Friends were asked to sign up for the Meeting's camping weekend Ninth Month 24-26, and the Quarterly Meeting weekend retreat at Powell House, Tenth Month 8-10.

A number of Friends announced activities of interest to Quakers.

After a period of silence, the meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m., purposing to meet again on the 14th day of Tenth Month.


Helen Brill, Clerk


Theodore Paullin, Recording Clerk

Minutes of
Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends
10-14-1976

Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends was held at the Meeting House in West Hartford on Tenth Month 14, 1976, beginning at 7:30 p.m. 22 persons were present.

The meeting opened with a period of worship during which the Clerk read a set of queries which were read at the recent Quarterly Meeting retreat at Powell House.

The Clerk announced the birth of Emily Bradstreet Mason, daughter of Karl and Nancy Mason, on Tenth Month 4, 1976.

On recommendation of the Nominating Committee, James Reik was appointed Clerk of the Finance Committee.

Jeanne Clepper reported for Ministry and Counsel. The Bible Study Group is meeting actively.

Florence Y. Carpenter has asked that her membership be transferred to Watertown Monthly Meeting. The Meeting approved.

The Minutes of Monthly Meeting of Fourth Month 12, 1973 should have shown that Laura Neece (now Baltaro) was transferred from Dallas Monthly Meeting as an adult member.

Robert Brill spoke to the Treasurer's report, which showed that through Ninth Month 30, 56 per cent of the 1976 budget had been contributed.

Ellen Paullin reported on the work of the Friends General Conference Hymnal Committee, and its decision to publish a loose-leaf hymnal called "Songs of the Spirit", in order to accommodate the widely various attitudes of Friends. The Meeting approved the purchase of 30 copies of the hymnal now going out of print, the bill to be paid out of the 1977 budget.

Archie Meshenuk reported for the Building and Grounds Committee that the large peg board is to be replaced with a smaller bulletin board for current announcements. Some members have been glazing and painting the exterior of the Meeting House, and trimming shrubs and trees, and more help is needed in the work.

A concern for child care on Sundays during worship and Eleventh Hour was expressed by Nancy Barton and Laurel McConnell. The Meeting approved the employment of someone to care for the children, with Ruth Fitch to assume the responsibility, with funds from the budgets of the Eleventh Hour and First Day School committees.

Wendell Clepper, as ex-Clerk of the Nominating Committee distributed copies of up-to-date Meeting Committee Lists.

Marge and Henry Baechler have sent reports on attendance at Friends General Conference Committees, and at the Connecticut Friends Council.

On behalf of Margaret Morrison, Talmadge Neece reported on the two sessions on Nuclear Power at the Eleventh Hour and other related meetings.

Helen Brill presented a question from the Friends Committee on National Legislation related to our opinion on legal discrimination against persons, based on sexual preference. The Meeting accepted the inclusion of this concern in the F.C.N.L. policy statement, but hoped that a way could be found to oppose discrimination against all persons.

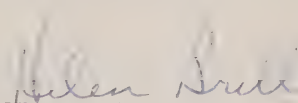
Edith Neece reported that the Cleppers have taken 16 bags of clothing to Philadelphia, and that more will be packed on Wednesday, October 20. All used clothing is now being sent to the Gaza Strip.

Jeanne Clepper reported on the progress of the Friends' Community in North Easton, Massachusetts.

The Clerk presented questions which have been raised about the program and conduct of Quarterly Meeting, and requested suggestions.

Friends presented a number of communications and concerns.

After a period of silence, the Meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m., purposing to meet again on the Eleventh Day of Eleventh Month.


Helen Brill, Clerk


Theodore Paullin, Recording Clerk

Minutes of
Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends
11-11-1976

Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends was held at the Meeting House in West Hartford on Eleventh Month 11, 1976 beginning at 7:30 p.m. 26 persons were present.

The meeting opened with a period of worship during which the Clerk read the first and second queries of New England Yearly Meeting.

Francis Helfrick reported for Ministry and Counsel. Betsy Young and Aileen Mangan have applied for membership and are recommended. The meeting approved. Alice Cheney and Elsa Cullen were selected as a welcoming committee for Betsy Young, and Marjorie and Henry Baechler for Aileen Mangan.

Ministry and Counsel has considered the question of homosexuality and will welcome everyone to its December meeting for further discussion.

Ministry and Counsel are encouraging meetings in homes, especially for new members. Elsa and Paul Cullen have agreed to coordinate such a program.

Charles Allen, Maria Allen and Heather Allen have requested the transfer of their membership to Watertown Monthly Meeting. The transfer was approved.

Misha Meshenuk has asked for a traveling minute to use in his forthcoming travels through the United States. The meeting approved having the Clerk prepare such a minute.

Marjorie Baechler reported on recent developments in the Court Monitoring Program. Ron Cretaro supplemented her information, especially emphasizing problems with the present policy of release without bond of persons arrested, and biased news reports in the Hartford Courant concerning the Court Monitoring Program. A long discussion followed, expressing support for those carrying on this significant work. The meeting approved having the Clerk write a letter to the Editor and others at the Courant expressing the concern of the Meeting that reporting be accurate.

Robert Brill presented the Treasurer's Report, showing that only 63 per cent of this year's budget had been received through October.

Jeanne Clepper reported on further progress on plans for the Friends Community at North Easton, Massachusetts.

Helen Brill reported on the efforts of Young Friends from Burlington, Vermont to raise funds for their Global Awareness Pilgrimage.

James Reik read a letter from Marjorie Swann, proposing that the Meeting lend some money to the New England Regional Office of the American Friends Service Committee for their building fund. It was the feeling of the meeting that at this time we did not have investment funds that would make such a loan possible; however, the Finance Committee will explore the matter further.

Wendell Clepper reported for the Fellowship and Outreach Committee:

(1) After-meeting soup luncheons are proving popular; (2) Agnes Boulton is preparing a new mailing list; (3) On Thursday, November 18, Northeastern Connecticut Friends will meet in Winsted. Mary Lung'aho will discuss "Education in East Africa"; (4) On January 27 the fellowship dinner will emphasize Peace and Social Concerns, and associates who have worked with us on projects will be invited; (5) Connecticut Friends Council is continuing to hold regular meetings and is especially interested in prison reform; (6) The Committee is concerned with extending the mailing list of Pendle Hill

Betty Hathaway reported on Quarterly Meeting at Mt. Toby on Tenth Month 16 and 17. The concerns which were discussed will be circulated in written form.

Margaret Morrison reported for First Day School Committee. They are planning a program for Christmas Eve, and are planning to contribute food for the Church hunger program. Alice Cheney is coordinating a music program for December 19 with instruments made on December 5 and December 12.

Jeanne Clepper presented the report for Peace and Social Concerns. Its main fall effort has been on Nuclear power, including three programs during Eleventh Hour. It plans to help in the American Friends Service Committee program of reconciliation in Vietnam, and in the efforts of Amnesty International against torture.

Several concerns were presented, including one that the biographical data sheets for the use of the Memorial Committee be distributed, and one on late arrival at meeting for worship.

Talmadge Neece reported on the draft of the Friends Committee on National Legislation policy statement for next year, for which he had prepared a paragraph on opposition to any discrimination against persons. The meeting approved his formulation.

The meeting adjourned at 10:10 p.m. purposing to meet again on the Ninth Day of the Twelfth Month.


Helen Brill, Clerk


Theodore Paullin, Recording Clerk

Minutes of
Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends
12-9-1976

Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends was held at the Meeting House in West Hartford on Twelfth Month 9, 1976 beginning at 7:30 p.m. 26 persons were present.

The meeting opened with a period of worship, during which the Clerk read the traveling minute for Misha Meshenuk, which was written by Moses Bailey.

Francis Helfrick reported for Ministry and Counsel. Their last meeting included a discussion of changing attitudes towards homosexuality. They are arranging to have Christmas greetings from the Meeting to members who are living at a distance. Plans are going forward for small group meetings in homes, beginning in January.

The Clerk read several personal items, including a letter from Bruce Baechler saying that he is now free from the custody of the Bureau of Prisons.

Robert Brill presented the Treasurer's Report, showing the need to raise approximately \$4,000 before the end of the year in order to meet the budget. He also reported on the finances of the Court Monitoring Program, which will be slightly in deficit at the end of the year.

Tom Bodine has asked that \$200 of a fund which he earlier gave to the Monthly Meeting be sent to Woodbrooke this year. The meeting approved.

James Reik reported that the Finance Committee is concerned with raising the money necessary to meet the budget. They asked that the interest on savings be used to offset the deficits in the Book and Pamphlet, and Cookbook accounts this year, rather than going to the Sharing Fund, which is in good condition. The meeting approved.

It is suggested that each person contribute 25 to 50 cents per copy for the new meeting Address Lists, to help meet the printing costs.

James Carpenter reported on recent plumbing problems which will cost \$250 to \$300 to repair. The meeting approved, asking the Nursery School to share the costs equally.

Roz Spier reported on the activities of the Peace and Social Concerns Committee. They suggest circulating a brief addendum with the Newsletter, reporting on issues. All Friends are encouraged to attend Peace and Social Concerns Meetings to share information. The central project at present is obtaining signatures on the petition for Reconciliation with Vietnam.

Roz also reported on the reactions and letters concerning the Hartford Courant's reporting on the bail system, and on other activities of the Court Monitoring Program, including its financial necessities. The Meeting approved having its Treasurer underwrite the Court Monitoring Program through March, up to a total of \$1500. The Meeting asked the Advisory Committee to present an evaluation of the Program and a financial proposal for the future, not later than the January Meeting for Business.

Talmadge Neece reported that Guilford College has proposed a concert in Hartford on March 9. After much discussion, the meeting decided not to follow up on the proposal.

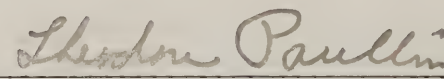
Wendell Clepper reported on the activities of the Connecticut Friends Council.

The Recording Clerk read a report by Emily Rinden, our representative to Church Women United, announcing a series of meetings on international concerns.

Mary Jane Carpenter presented the Eleventh Hour programs for December and January.

After a period of silence the meeting adjourned at 10:10 p.m., purposing to meet again on First Month 13, 1977.


Helen Brill, Clerk


Theodore Paullin, Recording Clerk

STATISTICS FOR Hartford Monthly MEETING FOR 1976

When Monthly Meetings consist of more than one Meeting (Preparative, Particular, Allowed, Worship Group), each Meeting should fill out a blank for the Monthly Meeting. Each Monthly Meeting should make up its report from these Meeting reports, where more than one is involved; otherwise use only the column at the right of the page.

On the Quarterly Meeting form one column should be filled in for each constituent Monthly Meeting and totals given in the right hand column.

	Constituent Meetings						Total
1. Number of Members last year (12/31/1975),							236
2. Additions due to Omissions In last year's Report,							0
3. Additions by Birth or Request of Parents,							7
4. Additions by Request, including from another Denomination							6
5. Additions by Certificate from another Friends Meeting,							4
6. Total Additions,							17
7. Loss due to Removal of Persons Included by Error In last year's Report,							0
8. Loss by Death (list name and date on back of form),							1
9. Loss by Discontinuance, Resignation, or Disownment,							4
10. Loss by Transfer to another Friends Meeting,							12
1. Loss by Letter to another Denomination,							0
2. Total Loss,							17
3. Number of Members this year (12/31/1976),							236
4. Net Gain,							0
5. or Net Loss,							0
6. Number of Males,							95
7. Number of Females,							141
8. Number under 25 years of age,							83
9. Number over 65 years of age,							40
10. Number of Junior Members,							27
1. Number of Junior Members Transferred to Active Membership,							1
2. Number of Resident Members, ¹							153
3. Number of Non-Resident Members,							83
4. Average Attendance at Sunday Worship (estimate), ²							90
5. Number of Sojourning & Affiliated Members,							0
6. Number Participating In Sunday Classes or (Adult Discussions - 30) Discussions, ³ (First Day School Only)							45
7. Number of Meetings held Regularly on Weekdays, ⁴							-
8. Number of Members attending Friends' Schools and Colleges, ⁵							4

Recorder or Clerk Hedra Paulin, Recorder

Mabel G Bailey died, Jan. 12, 1976

Schools

Westtown

George School

Guilford

Eanham

1. The meeting was opened with a period of silence and the reading of Chapter 9, The Art of Living, from Christian Faith and Practice.
2. The Clerk of Ministry and Counsel reported for that committee.
 - a. A series of fellowship gatherings for members and regular attenders will be held in the homes of 15 meeting families, the purpose being for small groups to share dessert or supper and discussion of a topic meaningful to our meeting.
 - b. Traveling minutes have been written by Moses Bailey for Laurence and Lucia Barber and for Richard and Agnes Boulton for their continued travels.
3. A letter has been received from Clark Wheeler and Carol Cleaver, both of Greensboro, NC, apprising us of their wish to be married in June under the care of Moorestown, NJ Monthly Meeting, where Carol is a member. Friends expressed pleasure at the receipt of this letter and appointed Raleigh Bailey, who is a former member of Hartford Meeting and who is now a member of Friendship Monthly Meeting in Greensboro, NC, and Bruce Baechler, to serve as a committee on clearness for the marriage.
4. Robert Brill presented the annual treasurer's report. We rejoice that we met our budget for the year and ended with a small surplus of \$1,251.81 and a total balance of \$46,847.76. Appreciation was expressed for the large amount of work and care entailed in preparing this report.
5. The report of the Finance Committee was given by James Reik. A lengthy discussion ensued as to whether to send a letter to our seventy members who did not make a direct financial contribution to the Meeting last year. It was decided not to send such a letter. The question of trying to establish a dialogue with our non-contributors was referred to Ministry and Counsel. A proposed budget will be submitted, as usual, to our February meeting for business.
6. Roz Spier reported for Peace and Social Concerns about their many activities.
7. Marge Baechler gave us a splendid report on numerous activities of our Court Monitors. The group was commended for their service to us and to the community, and Marge's poem entitled "The Project - Common Pleas Court #14" drew a burst of applause. Also gratitude was expressed for preparation of a 30-page summary of three years of court monitoring by Ron Cretaro and Roz Spier.
8. Jim Carpenter reported for Management Committee. Our meeting house has suffered severe damage from corking of a downspout on the north side by snow and ice.
9. Connecticut Valley Quarterly Meeting will convene at Hartford Meeting on February 5 and 6. Session will include talking by Jim and Anne Lenhart of Philadelphia on the problems involved in editing the Friends Journal and on what the Lenharts see as vital issues in Quakerdom today. Jim is editor of the Friends Journal and Anne works at the Philadelphia Peace Committee. In addition, Georganna Foster will give a slide talk on Friends World Committee Triennial Meeting last July.

10. Jeanne Clepper reported that Church Action has reluctantly decided to close up and sell the property on Park Row. One of the purposes of maintaining this property -- four large apartments for integrated housing -- has been accomplished, however: namely, that in the ten years in which Church Action has operated, the neighborhood has now become largely integrated.
11. The meeting approved asking Nancy Warrington of Earlham College to represent us at a Conference of Friends in the Americas, sponsored by Friends General Conference, to be held in Wichita, Kansas from June 25 to July 1, 1977.
12. The meeting closed with a period of silent worship, purposing to meet again on Second Month 10.

Helen Brill, Clerk

Sylvia M. Helfrick
 Sylvia M. Helfrick, Recording Clerk

Minutes of
 Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends
 2-10-1977

Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends was held at the Meeting House in West Hartford on Second Month 10, 1977, beginning at 7:35 p.m. 24 persons were present.

The meeting opened with a period of worship, during which the Clerk read the section on business meetings from the London Yearly Meeting's book on church government.

Francis Helfrick reported for Ministry and Counsel, especially concerning the preparation of the report on the State of the Society. Two Eleventh Hour sessions will consider this matter, one on the Meeting for Worship and one on outreach and fellowship.

Clark Wheeler has requested to become an adult member of the Meeting. The request was approved. Margaret Morrison and Archie Meshenuk were appointed to welcome him by letter, and to express our pleasure at his coming marriage.

Tom Mangan's suggestion that young adult Friends be encouraged to meet together for fellowship and exchange of ideas is strongly supported.

The Clerk reported on the recent death of Patricia Ritter's father, Norman Sleezer, and read letters of appreciation from the Barbers concerning their recent visit to Hartford at the time of the death of Laurie's brother. Margaret Morrison reported on a recent letter from Tom Bodine.

Robert Brill made a brief Treasurer's Report on January receipts of \$1196.

Mary Jane Carpenter reported on the operation of the Meeting's "Quaker Corner Book Shop." It does not quite clear expenses, but serves as a form of outreach. The Meeting approved the present method of procedure, with \$50.00 to be included in the budget for 1977.

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Archie Meshenuk reported for Building and Grounds Committee. A lock with keys has been installed on the Ralph Williams Room. Maintenance costs are becoming so high that Friends are encouraged to use care with electricity, the thermostats, and doors. The Committee suggests installing 26 storm windows at a cost of about \$800. The Meeting approved proceeding with this project. The Committee will report to the Meeting on the maintenance costs which might be attributed to the Nursery School.

James Reik presented the budget for 1977, as prepared by the Finance Committee. The Meeting approved with the following changes: the addition of \$50 for the Quaker Corner Book Shop, and the deletion of \$25 for the Migrant Program of the Connecticut Council of Churches. (A copy of the Budget is attached to these Minutes).

The Clerk was asked to write a letter to the Finance Committee of New England Yearly Meeting explaining the reasons for our not increasing our contribution for this year.

Roz Spier reported briefly for the Peace and Social Concerns Committee. The Meeting approved the support of a resolution of the Capitol Region Council of Churches dealing with Public Assistance.

Robert Brill reported on Quarterly Meeting. It was proposed that the May Quarterly Meeting be cancelled, and that we meet with Northwest Quarterly Meeting on Sixth Month 4 and 5. The Clerk was authorized to appoint someone to attend the meeting of the Planning Committee which will be held in Rindge, N. H. on Third Month 5.

After a period of silence, the Meeting adjourned at 10:20 p.m., purposing to meet again on the 10th day of Third Month.



Helen Brill, Clerk

Theodore Paullin, Recording Clerk

Minutes of
Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends
3-10-1977

Hartford Monthly Meeting for Business convened at 7:30 p.m. on Third Month, Tenth, 1977, at the Meeting House in West Hartford. 21 were present. The Meeting opened with a period of worship, during which the Clerk read the Fourth Query and several advices from London Yearly Meeting's Faith and Practice.

Francis Helfrick reported for Ministry and Counsel. Donald Mick read their report on the State of the Society. The Meeting expressed its satisfaction with the report.

Ruth Jackson Boone has asked to have her membership transferred to Bethesda Meeting in Maryland. The Meeting approved.

Richard Murray has asked to have his membership transferred to Hartford Meeting from Fifteenth Street Meeting in New York. The Meeting was delighted, and his membership will be recorded as soon as proper documentation is received.

The Clerk called attention to the death on last Saturday in New Hampshire of Leon Yager, a former longtime member of this meeting. Several members of the meeting will attend a memorial service for him in Hanover, New Hampshire on Twelfth Day of Third Month.

A report from Bruce Baechler and Raleigh Bailey as a Committee on Clearne approved the proposed Marriage between Clark Wheeler and Carol Cleaver, under the care of Moorestown, New Jersey Monthly Meeting. The Meeting approved and the Clerk will so inform Moorestown Meeting.

Ankie Knuttel and David G. Rhodes have asked to be married under the care Hartford Meeting. William and Barbara Taylor and Talmadge and Edith Neece were appointed to act as a Committee on Clearness.

Robert Brill reported on plans for New England Yearly Meeting Committee D in Hartford on Fourth Month 22 and 23. He requested help in providing overnight hospitality on Friday night, and help with meals.

Archie Meshenuk reported for Building and Grounds Committee. A meeting was held with representatives of the Nursery School to discuss the sharing of maintenance costs. He has attempted to analyze the costs. It seems that their share would be about \$4300 as against a present contribution of \$1800. The Meeting suggested that the Nursery School be informed in writing of these figures and other considerations, to guide their thinking about their proper contribution.

James Carpenter reported that the damage to our tile roof has been caused by neighborhood children climbing on it, and that costs of repair will be very high. However, perhaps the roof on the addition can be salvaged without full replacement.

Wendell Clepper announced plans for an Art Exhibit, under the auspices of the Connecticut Friends Council, and asked for suggestions about artists in the Meeting whose work might be included.

Roz Spier reported for Peace and Social Concerns Committee. She presented cards to be included in income tax returns asked the adoption of a World Peace Tax Fund law as an alternative to paying taxes for military purposes. She explained some of the Congressional budget making process, and a campaign by the Coalition for a New Foreign Policy to urge transfer of funds from the military into programs to meet human need, and asked endorsement of their resolution to that effect. The Meeting approved the resolution and asked Peace and Social Concerns Committee to inform members of Congress from Connecticut.

Jeanne Clepper distributed copies of a report on the Court Monitoring Program, and commented on parts of it.

Margaret Morrison reported on the activities of the People's Action for Clean Energy. The Hartford chapter has been given the responsibility of following legislative proposals in the area of their concern. The Meeting is happy to have them continue meeting in the Meeting House, and would welcome their use of the Meeting Room for a musical program where contributions would be solicited.

Alice Cheney announced that Bunny Cheney and Tom Boute were married in the Unification Church on New York on February 21.

On the day of the Monthly Meeting in Fourth Month there will be a special desert celebration in the Ralph Williams Room at 7:00 p.m.

After a period of silence, the meeting adjourned, purposing to meet again on Fourth Month 14.

Helen Brill

Helen Brill, Clerk

Theodore Paullin

Theodore Paullin, Recording Clerk

Minutes of
Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends
4-14-77

Hartford Monthly Meeting for Business convened at 7:50 p.m. on Fourth Month, fourteenth, 1977, at the Meeting House in West Hartford. 27 were present. The meeting opened with a period of worship.

Preceding the meeting, the Ralph Williams Room was dedicated. The following minute was adopted:

For this hospitality center, the Ralph Williams Room, the kitchen and shower, we give thanks to a number of people.

First to the donor, who prefers to be anonymous, but to whom we are all grateful. Those who have and will refresh body and spirit in this place will give continuing thanks for this generous gift.

Second, to Ralph Williams, beloved member of our meeting, after whom the room is named and whose furnishings give character to it. Ralph was one who literally and figuratively went the extra mile for Quakerism, and whose life will always enrich ours.

Finally, we give thanks to Mary Jane Carpenter, Elsa Cullen, Tom Bodine, Daphne Brown, and others, who took the gift and took the memory and created this hospitality center where we trust the bond of love and fellowship may ever be strengthened under God's guidance.

Katherine Smedley reported for Ministry and Counsel, that they recommend that Richard Murray be welcomed into membership even before the records of his membership in Fifteenth Street Meeting in New York are clarified. The Meeting approved. Margaret and Sally Morrison and Henry Baechler were appointed to welcome him.

Alice Cheney and Elsa Cullen reported on welcoming Betsy Young into membership.

Robert Brill presented the Treasurer's report, showing receipts of \$7800 through March 31. In addition \$1181 has been received for Court Monitoring.

Virginia Datto reported for First Day School. The Committee had a meeting for reflection in Third Month, to assess their purpose. Many positive ideas were presented. She also reviewed the present program, using materials developed jointly by Friends General Conference and Friends United Meeting.

The Recorder reported that the following Junior Members are being dropped from membership because they have reached the age of 25 without applying for full membership: Victoria Hawkes Clark, Jeffrey Paul Cullen, Margaret Helfrick Don Scott Knuttel, Deborah Reik Sauter, and Mark C. Wojan.

Robert Brill reported on plans for Yearly Meeting Committee Day in Hartford on Fourth Month 22 and 23. Overnight hospitality is still needed. All Friends are welcome to attend any committee meeting.

The preliminary report of the Nominating Committee was presented and discussed. It is to be acted on in Fifth Month. Betty Hathaway has resigned from the Nominating Committee for next year.

Talmadge and Edith Neece reported for Peace and Social Concerns that the Mitchell Amendment to transfer funds from military to non-military purposes is the center of interest of the Friends Committee on National Legislation at present. Senator Ribicoff has been asked to sponsor a similar amendment in the Senate.

On Fourth Month 30 and Fifth Month 1 an opposition demonstration and rally will be held at the nuclear power site at Seabrook, New Hampshire.

Ron Cretaro reported on the recent activity of the Court Monitoring Program. They are succeeding in obtaining more conferences with officials, and are receiving more public support, interest, and respect.

A number of announcements were made about conferences, and the condition of members who have been ill or away.

Nat Hathaway reported on the Peace Witness in Boston on Good Friday. About 150 took part, but there were very few from the Connecticut Valley.

After a period of silence, the meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m., purposing to meet again on the twelfth day of Fifth Month.



Helen Brill, Clerk



Theodore Paullin, Recording Clerk

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Minutes of
Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends
5-12-1977

Hartford Monthly Meeting for Business convened at the Meeting House in West Hartford on the Twelfth Day of Fifth Month at 7:30 P.M. 30 were present.

The meeting opened with a period of worship during which the Clerk read a letter from Bill Halford in tribute to Leon Yager.

Francis Helfrick reported for Ministry and Counsel. They recommended that John Franklin be accepted into membership on his application. The meeting approved, and Thomas Mangan, Marjorie Baechler, Virginia Datto, and Karen Fitch were appointed as a welcoming committee.

They also recommended the acceptance of Mabel Jasut's application for membership. The meeting approved, and Bea Coward, Aileen Mangan and Dorothy Meshenuk were appointed as a committee to welcome her.

The transfer of the membership of Richard Juan Baltaro from Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, Monthly Meeting was recommended and accepted. Margaret Morrison and Elsa Cullen were appointed to write to welcome him.

Ministry and Counsel encourages further meetings of the young adults, and of small groups in homes. They have discussed ways of increasing attendance at meeting for business, including the possibility of meeting on First Day.

The wedding of Clark Wheeler and Carol Cleaver is not going to take place.

Margaret Morrison reported on the welcoming visit to Richard Murray.

A travelling minute for Ruth Lilienthal to take on her trip to Germany was read and approved.

Barbara Taylor and Talmadge Neece reported for the Committee on Clearness for the marriage of Ankie Knuttel and David G. Rhodes. They strongly recommend that the marriage be held under the care of Hartford Monthly Meeting on the Ninth Day of Seventh Month. The meeting approved. James and Mary Jane Carpenter, and James and Cynthia Reik, and Arend-Jan Knuttel were appointed as the Committee on Oversight.

Theodore Paullin presented the revised report of the Nominating Committee. The meeting approved the report.

The meeting appointed Robert Brill to a one year term, to act as clerk, and Ruth Wojan to a three year term on the Nominating Committee, with Sylvia Helfrick as alternate.

5-12-77

Ron Cretaro presented a Financial Report on the Court Monitoring Program. Some funds are in view, and applications are going forward to several foundations. The Program has won its appeal under the Freedom of Information Act to examine court records. There is need for more monitors especially during the summer. The meeting expressed its feeling that Ron and his work are a real inspiration to all of us.

Archie Meshenuk reported on negotiations with the Quaker Lane Cooperative Nursery School. The meeting approved the 25% increase in the Nursery School's contribution to the Meeting for their next fiscal year.

There was discussion of the camping week end of the combined Northeast and Connecticut Valley Quarterly Meetings at Plymouth, Vermont, on the Fourth and Fifth Days of Sixth Month. Thomas Mangan, and Betty Hathaway were appointed as representatives.

Robert Brill, Henry Baechler, Amy Hathaway, Eric Fitch, and Lisa Paulin were appointed as representatives to Yearly Meeting in Eighth Month.

Ros Spier reported briefly for Peace and Social Concerns, especially about participation of meeting members in Friends' concerns and conference.

Archie Meshenuk reported for Buildings and Grounds, concerning the successful work day last Saturday, and the need for much more painting.

Bea Coward reported on the activities of the Connecticut Friends Council, and asked the meeting for suggestions for its program for next year. There was support for continued work on all aspects of criminal justice.

Robert Brill reported on New England Yearly Meeting Committee Day, which was held at our meeting house on the 22nd and 23rd of Fourth Month. There were 40 for supper on Friday, and 60 for lunch on Saturday, and he felt that it had been very successful.

Virginia Datto reported on the New England Yearly Meeting Journal Keeping Week end on Fifth Month 6-8 in Norwich, Vermont.

Helen Brill reported on the New Call to Peacemaking Conference at Providence that same weekend sponsored by the Yearly Meeting's Peace and Social Concerns Committee. Five attended from Hartford.

Several shared news about the people still imprisoned for the anti-nuclear demonstration at Seabrook, New Hampshire, April 30 - May 1.

After a period of silence the meeting adjourned at 9:55, purposing to meet again on Ninth Day of Sixth Month.

Helen Brill
Helen Brill, Clerk

Theodore Paullin
Theodore Paullin, Recording Clerk

Minutes of
Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends
6-9-1977

Meeting for Business, ninth day, sixth month, 1977 opened with a period of silence during which Talmadge Neece read an excerpt from "Days of Our Years" by Pierre Van Paassen which concluded, "We are all responsible to and for one another because our one Father has made us brothers."

Ministry and Counsel reported that Katherine Smedley has been appointed to serve as their clerk; Mary Forman will serve as representative to New England Yearly Meeting with Betty Hathaway as alternate.

The treasurer's report as of May 31, 1977 indicated \$11,496.18 income toward our current year budget.

Ministry and Counsel recommends that ways of getting acquainted be further explored and continued in the fall after a very successful Eleventh Hour program held recently.

A request from Friends General Conference asking Hartford Meeting to host the Advancement Committee of FGC for a weekend in October, which could include 50 participants for overnight hospitallity, was positively received. Robert Brill, Mary Jane Carpenter and Dorothy Meshenuk agreed to handle details. Marjorie Baechler will write Dwight Wilson to extend our invitation.

A letter from Nancy Warrington in appreciation of our asking her to represent us at the Conference of the Americas in Wichita was read.

Johanna and Geraldine Noonan, foster daughters of Bernard and Ruth Wojan, Andy and Steven Burt and their children Heather and Adrian, and Liesa Graf all expect to be moving from this area during the summer. A book will be presented to each of the girls and the Burts at the picnic on June 12.

Virginia Costales and Alice Fox, both of whom suffered broken limbs in falls, are recuperating. Virginia would welcome help with her evening meal. Margaret Morrison is coordinating this.

Thomas Mangan reported on a joint Connecticut Valley Quarterly Meeting held with Friends in Northwest Quarter at Farm and Wilderness Camp.

New England Yearly Meeting is seeking a part-time coordinator to work with Young Friends. Inquiries may be made to the Clerk of the Executive Committee of NEYM.

Conference Encouragers noted the rich variety of summer Quaker Activities. Contact Wendell Clepper, Henry Baechler or Lisa Perretti for details.

First Day School will resume in the fall with teachers meeting to discuss curriculum before the sessions start. Judy Purvis reports that we are blessed with a large group of nursery age children.

The Court Monitoring Project has been notified of two grant awards: \$500. received from the Obadiah Brown Benevolent Trust of New England Yearly Meeting and \$900. from the Challenge Fund of South Congregational Church in Glastonbury to run a series of evening seminars on criminal justice in the community of Glastonbury.

6-9-77

All members and attenders are invited to participate in the marriage of Ankie Knuttel and David Rhoades on July 9 at one o'clock in the Meeting House. They will be married under care of the Meeting.

Welcoming visits to new members John Franklin and Mabel Jasut were reported.

Fifteen members attended, including Florence Carpenter. We adjourned at 9:30 purposing to meet again Ninth Month 8, 1977.



Helen Brill, Clerk

Theodore Paullin, Recording Clerk

Minutes of
Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends
9-8-1977

Hartford Monthly Meeting for Business convened at 7:30 P.M. on the eighth day of the Ninth Month at the Meeting House in West Hartford. 32 were present.

During a period of worship, the Clerk read a statement on the nature of the Friends Meeting for Business.

Ron Cretaro reported on the activities of the Court Monitoring Program. They have received a grant from the Community Education and Training Act. Ron introduced Terry McDonough, who is working on citizens disputes, Sue Hickey, who is working on police training and Ginny Walsh, who is working on research concerning restitution. Each of these new members of the staff reported briefly on their special activities.

Eric Fitch reported on Young Friends activities at New England Yearly Meeting. Karen Fitch related the program of Junior Yearly Meeting. Helen Brill told of some of the actions of Yearly Meeting, and distributed a written summary. Hartford Meeting decided to extend an invitation to hold Yearly Meeting Committee Day in Hartford, Fourth Month 21-22, 1978.

Paul Butterworth spoke of the need for additional supplies of wood for the fireplace. A number of suggestions were made, and Tom Mangan volunteered to organize this activity.

Katherine Smedley reported for Ministry and Counsel. She read a letter of appreciation for the work of Helen Brill as Clerk of the Monthly Meeting, which met with enthusiastic approval of the Meeting.

She reported on applications for membership which have been received. The meeting approved acceptance into membership of Martha Jean Erb, and Paul C. Barton and Nancy B. Barton as members and R. Amanda Barton and Christine E. Barton as junior members, Beatrice Coward and Sally Morrison will welcome the Bartons, and Ellen Paullin and Margaret Morrison will welcome M. J. Erb.

Ministry and Counsel suggests having small groups meet to discuss questions concerning spiritual life. The Meeting decided to have such meetings on Fridays, Tenth Month 21 and 28, and Eleventh Month 4.

The Meeting decided to accept the idea of having 45 minute mid-week meetings for worship on Thursdays at 6:45 P.M. Donald Mick will be in charge.

Judy Purvis reported on the completion of plans for First Day School, and care of the nursery group. There will be five or six classes. She made a plea for parents to encourage regular attendance.

The Recording Clerk read the minutes of the informal meeting for business held on Eight Month 7, 1977. These minutes were approved.

Robert Brill presented the Treasurer's report showing \$15,222 received so far. The storm windows and new roof on the annex have been paid for.

Archie Meshenuk reported that the Nursery School would like to hold sessions on Monday and Wednesday afternoons. The Meeting approved.

The Meeting also expressed its warm thanks to Archie for all the maintenance work which has been accomplished under his direction.

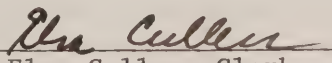
Alice Cheney and Archie Meshenuk were appointed as representatives to Quarterly Meeting at Mt. Toby, Tenth Month 15 and 16.

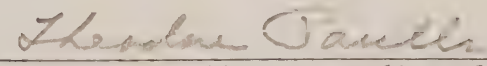
Ellen Paullin reported on the Memorial Garden, which has been established at the southwest corner of the Meeting House.

A memorial fund has been established in Richmond, Indiana, for Joyce Heusel, to aid in the education of her children. Individuals are encouraged to contribute through the Treasurer of the Meeting.

Jeanne Clepper reported that Church Action Homes finally has a prospect of selling its house to one of the tenants. Original bond holders should remind Jeanne, so that they can be repaid.

After a period of silence, the meeting adjourned at 9:55 P.m., purposing to meet again on the 13th day of Tenth Month.


Elsa Cullen, Clerk


Theodore Paullin, Recording Clerk

Minutes of
Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends
10-13-77

Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends convened on the 13th day of Tenth Month, 1977, at the Meeting House in West Hartford. 26 were present.

The meeting opened with a period of worship, during which the Clerk read a passage from London Yearly Meeting's Faith and Practice, dealing with the mutual obligation to respond to the needs of all within the Meeting. She then asked a to respond in love and prayer to Agnes Boulton in her illness.

Katherine Smedley reported for Ministry and Counsel. They recommend that Michele Bartlet be accepted into membership. The Meeting approved. Helen Brill and Mary Jane Carpenter were appointed to welcome her.

Ministry and Counsel recommended the adoption of a minute dealing with the recording of ministers. This matter was laid over until a later meeting.

Ministry and Counsel reported that the response to mid-week meetings for worship has been good, and that they will be continued. They have decided to have only one all-day Seekers' Session on the 19th of Eleventh Month, rather than to a series of such meetings.

Marjorie Baechler reported on the great amount of public attention being received by the Court Monitoring Program, and on the coming series of forums in Glastonbury. The Advisory Committee has decided to continue placing first emphasis on court watching, despite carrying on other projects.

Marjorie Baechler reported on the meeting of the Central Committee of Friends General Conference on September 30 to October 2. Friends General Conference Advancement Committee plans to meet in Hartford on the 11th and 12th of Eleventh Month. Hartford Meeting needs to furnish hospitality.

Robert Brill reported that to the 30th of Ninth Month only 50 per cent of annual budget had been received. Expenses for major repairs have exceeded the budget by \$1500.

Alice Cheney, and Henry and Marjorie Baechler were appointed as representatives to Quarterly Meeting at Mt. Toby on the 15th and 16th of Tenth Month.

Upon the request of Ben Wojan, the Meeting agreed to support the application of the Westwood Foundation for designation as a Human Resource Development Agency for the purpose of developing a housing project on its property in West Hartford or some other suitable site.

Margaret Morrison reported on the annual meeting of People's Action for Clean Energy on the 2nd of Tenth Month at the Meeting House, and the many imaginative activities of the organization.

Roz Spier reported for Peace and Social Concerns Committee. The Meeting approved the appointment of Bea Coward to the Yearly Meeting Committee on Peace and Social Concerns.

The Meeting agreed to become a local sponsor for the Mobilization for Survival, which has international membership.

10-13-77

The Connecticut Friends Council wishes to establish a broadly representative Prisons Committee. The Meeting expressed its support for the idea, although there were doubts about our ability to take on added formal responsibility at this time. Ben Wojan volunteered to serve on the committee.

The Carlsten family have requested a certificate of sojourning membership in Purchase Meeting of New York Yearly Meeting. The Meeting approved.

New England Yearly Meeting Ministry and Counsel's Family Enrichment Committee will meet in Hartford Meeting House on the 5th day of Eleventh Month.

The Clerk made a number of announcements. Marjorie Baechler read a statement about Bruce Baechler's witness against war, and announced that his period of parole ended on September 19, 1977. A number of other concerns and letters were presented.

After a period of silence the meeting adjourned at 10:15 P.M., purposing to meet again on the 10th day of Eleventh Month.

Elsa Cullen

Elsa Cullen, Clerk

Theodore Paullin

Theodore Paullin, Recording Clerk

Minutes of
Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends
11-10-77

Hartford Monthly Meeting convened at 7:30 P.M. on the tenth day of Eleventh Month, 1977, at the Meeting House in West Hartford. 21 were present.

When the meeting opened, the Clerk announced the death yesterday of Harriet Pulver. The meeting united worshipfully in her memory.

Katherine Smedley reported for Ministry and Counsel. They recommend the adoption of the following minute:

The Hartford Monthly Meeting has not adopted the practice of recording Friends as ministers. We recognize that this practice has been beneficial to other meetings and we would commend to Yearly Meeting the recognition of the freedom for each meeting to continue the practice best suited to its needs.

The Meeting Approved.

At its last meeting, Ministry and Counsel discussed the role of Quarterly Meeting Ministry and Counsel, and concluded that it was helpful.

Helen Brill reported on the Quarterly Meeting at Mt. Toby in Tenth Month. The Quarterly Meeting asked that monthly meetings consider the function of Quarterly Meeting, and its value.

Mary Jane Carpenter reported that she and Helen Brill had welcomed Michelle

11-10-77

Robert Brill presented the Treasurer's report. We have received \$18,663 to and budget of \$30,000.

Archie Meshenuk reported for Building and Grounds Committee. They plan henceforth to meet on Saturday mornings to make it possible to engage in work projects after completing their business. They are also revising the list of responsibilities for ushers.

James Carpenter discussed plans for gathering fireplace wood on Saturday.

Peter Goldberger reported on Court Monitoring activities, including the ser meetings in Glastonbury. This is Marge Baechler's final month as clerk of the committee. Peter will succeed her.

There was discussion of whether disposable products should be used for food served at the Meeting House. It was decided that paper products were preferable to styrofoam.

The meeting was reminded that Friends General Conference Advancement Committee encourage Hartford Friends to attend their session at 7:30 on Saturday the 12th Eleventh Month.

The Clerk displayed some of the pieces of Luman Kelsey's sculpture which Dorothy Kelsey has donated to the Meeting.

Mary Jane Carpenter reported on the Interval House for Battered Women which is being established in Hartford. The Meeting approved having Wendell Clepper request aid for this project from the Minute 60 Committee of New England Yearly Meeting.

The Clerk announced that the National Latin American Mobile Project is to visit Hartford in the near future.

Various Friends presented information about other members, and other announcements. Dorothy Meshenuk read a letter she had received from Habil Wejuli.

After a period of silence, the meeting adjourned at 9:50, purposing to meet again on the 8th day of Twelfth Month.

Elsa Cullen

Elsa Cullen, Clerk

Theodore Paullin

Theodore Paullin, Recording Clerk

Minutes of
Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends
12-8-1977

Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends convened at 7:30 on the eighth day of Twelfth Month, 1977, in the activities room of the Meeting House in West Hartford. 19 were present.

The meeting opened with a period of worship during which the Clerk read a short excerpt from the Christmas story, and a Revised Query Number 1, from New England Faith and Practice.

Katherine Smedley reported for Ministry and Counsel that there were very positive reactions to the all-day seekers meeting, gathered on the 19th of Eleventh Month. Therefore another is planned for First Day evening, the 15th day of First Month at 7:00 P.M. There has been smaller attendance at mid-week meeting for worship, but it fills a need for those who come. In January mid-week meeting will be on Wednesday at 7:30. On Thursday, December 29, there will be a special mid-week meeting followed by talk and refreshments. Bible reading subscription groups have been suggested by Mary Forman, and she is proceeding to organize this project. Greetings are being sent to members who live at a distance.

William and Janet Austin are transferring their membership from Glasgow Monthly Meeting in Scotland, to Hartford Monthly Meeting. They live at the Marvellwood School in Cornwall. Kiki and Anne Wolf, Tom Mangan, Gerda Wallach and Helen Brill were appointed as a committee to welcome them.

Laurence and Lucia Barber and Lucie Barber Germer have requested a certificate of removal of membership to the Preparative Meeting in Salt Lake City, Utah. The Meeting approved sending the certificate of removal.

Judith Purvis reported for First Day School. On December 19 the children will present their Christmas program. There will be no First Day School on December 25 or January 1. The second session will begin on January 8. Teachers are needed for third and fourth grade, fifth and sixth grade and junior high. Friends are urged to volunteer.

Robert Brill reported for the Finance Committee. \$7,234 needs to be raised by January 1. Friends approved sending a finance letter in December to members and attenders, with special notes to special categories, such as young people and attenders, written by members of the Finance Committee. The Meeting recommended that the Finance Committee have an emergency meeting to write these personal notes.

The Nominating Committee reported that Andy Lynn has been named Clerk of the Library Committee. Robert Brill announced that Peter Goldberger has been named Presiding Clerk of the Court Monitoring Advisory Committee. The Meeting thanked Marjorie Baechler for her faithful service in that position for the last two years.

Roz Spier reported for Peace and Social Concerns Committee. Over \$150 was contributed by the meeting on December 4 to the A.F.S.C. for Russell and Irene Johnson's expenses. She asked that the Treasurer be authorized to continue paying \$121.85 a week to Ron Cretaro, in anticipation of the adoption of the Meeting budget on February 10, 1978. The Meeting asked that the Clerk write a Christmas note of appreciation to Ron and Nancy Cretaro from all of us.

12-8-77

Peace and Social Concerns Committee requested the Meeting to approve a statement on nuclear power. It was decided to consider the approval of the statement at a later meeting, after more study of the problem, and that the statement be printed in the Bulletin in the meantime.

Archie Meshenuk reported for Buildings and Grounds Committee concerning the Maplewood Avenue properties. The Meeting approved the establishment of a committee composed of the Clerk of the Finance Committee, the Clerk of the Committee on Buildings and Grounds, one of the Assistant Clerks of the Meeting, and a former tenant, to have the responsibility for the management of the Maplewood Avenue properties.

The Meeting expressed its appreciation to the Committee under Archie's leadership for organizing the autumn work and carrying out the inspection of the building with Bob Kearney.

Tom Mangan reported that the Ushering Committee has drawn up a new memorandum for ushers. 1

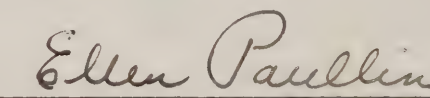
Paul Butterworth's 90th birthday will be celebrated at 11th Hour on January 1. Those who can will go to the Boultons' to sing carols after 11th Hour on December 18.

Ben Wojan voiced a concern that in government service and education, affirmative action be implemented for the aged, women, and members of minority groups.

Bob Brill will replace Kay Smedley as Assistant Clerk from December 19 to 31, Mary Jane Carpenter will replace Talmadge Neece from December 8 to January 24.

After a period of silence the Meeting adjourned, purposing to meet again on the 12th day of First Month, 1978.


Elsa Cullen, Clerk


Ellen Paullin, Acting Recording Clerk

Minutes of
Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends
1-12-78

Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends convened on the twelfth day of First Month at 7:30 P.M., at the Meeting House in West Hartford. 30 were present.

The meeting opened with a period of worship, during which the Clerk read a passage entitled "The Unifying Thread" from the New England Yearly Meeting Faith and Practice.

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Katherine Smedley reported for Ministry and Counsel. The mid-week meetings are now being held on Wednesday evenings. Plans are being implemented for another seekers' meeting on January 15 at 7 P.M. They recommend the acceptance of the membership applications of John Breasted and Judy Kahane. The meeting approved. Rosalind Spier and Mary Jane Carpenter were appointed to welcome Judith Kahane. Virginia Datto and Robert Brill were appointed to welcome John Breasted.

The Clerk read a letter of introduction for Hall Cushman, Jr., who plans to travel through the United States.

Robert Brill reported on the welcoming committee's visit to Janet and William Austin.

Robert David Swan was born on January 2, 1978 to Michael and Laurel Brill Swan. His maternal grandparents are Robert and Helen Brill.

James and Rosemary Zion request that Jeanette Zion become a junior member.

There was a review of the plans for Quarterly Meeting at Hartford on February 4 and 5. Marion Cushman requested help for the supper on Saturday evening and the lunch on Sunday. Robert Brill asked for rooms for overnight hospitality. Visiting Young Friends will be welcome to spend Saturday night in the Meeting House.

The Treasurer's Annual Report for 1977, showing that the Meeting met its budget, was distributed and discussed by Robert Brill. A letter from Fasil Datto, Auditor, saying the accounts were in good order was read by the Clerk.

Roz Spier reported for the Peace and Social Concerns Committee. She made available copies of an appeal for funds for relief of the victims of the cyclone in India in November. The meeting approved setting up a display on the matter in the Meeting House.

The following statement on Nuclear Power, which was laid over at the last business meeting, was discussed further, and approved by the Meeting:

STATEMENT OF POWER

The use of nuclear power for both military and civilian purposes is a matter of deep concern to the Friends of the Hartford Monthly Meeting. It is not only a technical question, but one which causes us to think of the wellbeing of future Society, both national and world-wide. It becomes a religious concern if we see ourselves, along with all other men and women, as trustees of the future. There are questions of threats to present health and genetic damage to future generations which have not been resolved and which many scientists are convinced cannot be resolved. The dangers to the shape of a future society from nuclear theft and terrorism are also very real.

Our concern increases with the necessity to develop and use the fast-breeder reactor as the supply of uranium is consumed. The breeder reactor manufactures more plutonium than it can use as a fuel and thereby poses new and greater threats. As the most toxic substance known to man, plutonium demands perfection and its presence in large quantities cannot be safely tolerated among fallible human beings. We live with many other dangers that are equally real but leave no such legacy for the future.

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We remember Friends' ancient testimonies on simplicity and these cause us to look more to energy conservation and wise use of resources rather than to further exploitation of the earth for our energy needs.

We urge that our Government cease the sale of nuclear materials abroad and it grant no more licenses for the building of nuclear reactors in the U.S.

Recognizing that the transition to non-nuclear renewable sources of energy will be neither easy nor cheap in the short run, we urge that public education on all aspects of the subject be a part of such projects so that fears of severe reductions in standard of living may not be a bar to progress.

Finally, we concur with our Yearly Meeting in insisting that the right to appeal Government standards be and remain with the people.

The Clerk presented a letter from Virginia Towle requesting that the Yearly Meeting Committee on Aging hold a meeting at Hartford in the Spring, but there was not sufficient interest to give encouragement.

Jeanne Clepper spoke of the progress on the Friends Community at North Easton, which still needs people to sign up for residence.

Ellen Paullin reported on the plans of the Eleventh Hour Committee for the near future.

Various announcements were made and letters from the Neeves in Edinburgh and Rome and from Ellen Seale Le Bel were read.

After a period of silence, the meeting adjourned at 9:50 P.M., purposing to meet again on the Ninth Day of Second Month.

Elsa Cullen
Elsa Cullen, Clerk

Theodore Paullin
Theodore Paullin, Recording Clerk

Minutes of
Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends
2-12-78

On account of the storm during the past week, the regular meeting for business was postponed from the Ninth Day of Second Month, 1978, and convened at 11:20 A.M. on the Twelfth in the Meeting House in WestHartford; 36 were present.

During a preliminary period of worship, the Clerk read one of the queries of the Salt Lake Monthly Meeting, dealing with unity in reaching decisions at meetings for business.

Katherine Smedley reported for Ministry and Counsel. She read, and the Meeting approved, a minute on the life of Agnes Boulton. A Memorial Meeting for Agnes Boulton was held in the Meeting House on the Fourth Day of Second Month.

Ministry and Counsel recommended that Hartford Meeting accept oversight of the marriage of Karen Hemmingston and Martin Henner. The Meeting accepted the report of the special committee of Ministry and Counsel as that of the Clearness Committee. Edith and Talmadge Neece, Ruth Fitch and Donald Mick were appointed as the Committee of Oversight. The couple plans to hold the wedding on the 25th Day of Third Month in the Meeting House.

Herbert James Sinnock, aged 7, has applied for Junior Membership. The Meeting approved.

On behalf of the Finance Committee, James Reik presented the proposed budget for 1978. There was discussion of the costs of the use of the building by the Nursey School. A sub-committee has determined that the actual annual costs are \$4,764.00 compared with a payment of \$1890.00. It was decided that the previous committee of Archie Meshenuk as Convenor, James Carpenter and Anne Paulin, plus Kitty Chick, Ben Wojan, Judith Purvis and James Reik deal with the Nursey School in exploring its relationships with the Meeting.

The Meeting approved the budget as presented, with total expenditures of \$31,477.00.

The Recorder presented the annual report, showing an increase of one member to a total of 237.

There was a review of the successful Quarterly Meeting held at Hartford on the Fourth and Fifth of Second Month.

The Clerk read a letter to Louis Schneider of the A.F.S.C., and on to Dr. M'bow, Director General of UNESCO, commending Graham Leonard for employment by UNESCO. The Meeting approved.

Moses Bailey has written a brief biography of Mabel Bailey, which is available as a pamphlet.

The Meeting agreed that the Meeting House might be used for the wedding of Sue Devokaitis, under the care of Middletown Meeting on July 1.

Marge Baechler agreed to care for the bulletin board.

The Meeting agreed that the Gray Panthers might use Meeting House without charge, subject to making suitable arrangements.

Talmadge Neece returned the travelling minutes, with the endorsements of several meetings in Europe.

After a period of silence, the meeting adjourned at 1:00 P.M. purposing to meet again on the Ninth Day of Third Month.

Elsa Cullen

Elsa Cullen, Clerk

Theodore Paullin

Theodore Paullin, Recording Clerk

Minutes of Business Meeting
Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends

Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends convened at the Meeting House in West Hartford at 7:30 P.M. on the Ninth Day of Third Month 1978. Katherine Smedley served as Clerk. Twenty-one persons were present. During a period of worship, the Clerk read a paragraph from London Yearly Meeting's book of discipline, dealing with spiritual unity arising out of meetings for business.

Katherine Smedley also reported for Ministry and Counsel. They propose having interested Friends hold a series of small gatherings in homes for the discussion of serious concerns. Virginia Datoos will serve as coordinator. There was a feeling that it would be well to have ushers be responsible for speaking with visitors at the rise of meeting for worship. Ministry and Counsel suggests the establishment of a memorial book.

Talmadge Neece reported for the oversight committee for the marriage of Karen Hemingsen and Martin Henner, which will take place in the Meeting House on the twenty-fifth day of Third Month.

Some members of the Meeting living in northwest Connecticut have started to meet for worship in Winsted. The Meeting encourages them to proceed.

Roz Spier and Mary Jane Carpenter have visited Judith Kahane, and Robert Brill and Virginia Datoos have visited John Breasted, to welcome them as members of the Meeting.

Robert Brill presented a Treasurer's Report, in which he said that money was coming in more slowly than usual. The reserve for major repairs has been completely exhausted. Helen Brill suggested various activities to raise money for this reserve, and there was discussion of various ideas.

Helen Brill reported on the February meeting of the Peace and Social Concerns Committee, and the talk by Elizabeth Boardman on the "New Call to Peacemaking" at the Eleventh Hour last First Day. She called attention to the activities of various Friends groups, and other activities of interest to Friends. In response to a request for the Meeting's support of a proposed ordinance in Hartford banning discrimination against homosexuals in employment, the Meeting reaffirmed its opposition to discrimination against any person, and its support on this subject which was adopted on the eleventh day of Eleventh Month 1976, although some members hoped that we might go further in giving specific support for the rights of homosexuals.

The Clerk read a beautiful letter from Dick Boulton, expressing his thanks to the Meeting for its support to Agnes during her illness, and his appreciation of the quality of her life.

Various announcements were made. Alice Cheney has agreed to serve as Meeting Liaison person to Hingham Home. The Meeting felt that it could not accept Laura Johnson's invitation for a week-end in June at the 4-H Camp in Windham.

After a period of silence, the meeting adjourned at 9:15 P.M. purposing to meet again on the thirteenth day of Fourth Month.

Katherine Smedley, Acting Clerk

Theodore Paullin, Recording Clerk

When Monthly Meetings consist of more than one Meeting (Preparative, Particular, Pledging, Worship Group), each Meeting should fill out a blank for the Monthly Meeting. Each Monthly Meeting should make up its report from these Meeting reports, where more than one is involved; otherwise use only the column at the right of the page.

On the Quarterly Meeting form one column should be filled in for each constituent Monthly Meeting and totals given in the right hand column.

	Constituent Meetings						Total
Number of Members last year (12/31/1976),							236
Additions due to Omissions in last year's Report,							X
Additions by Birth or Request of Parents,							2
Additions by Request, including from another Denomination,							6
Additions by Certificate from another Friends Meeting,							4
Total Additions,							12
Loss due to Removal of Persons included by Error in last year's Report,							
Loss by Death (list name and date on back of form),							1
Loss by Discontinuance, Resignation, or Disownment,							6
Loss by Transfer to another Friends Meeting,							4
Loss by Letter to another Denomination,							
Total Loss,							11
Number of Members this year (12/31/1977),							237
Net Gain, or							1
Net Loss,							
Number of Males,							97
Number of Females,							140
Number under 25 years of age,							81
Number over 65 years of age,							39
Number of Junior Members,							73
Number of Junior Members Transferred to Active Membership,							1
Number of Resident Members, ¹							152
Number of Non-Resident Members,							85
Average Attendance at Sunday Worship (estimate), ²							95
Number of Sojourning & Affiliated Members,							0
Number Participating in Sunday Classes or Discussions, ³							80
Number of Meetings held Regularly on Weekdays, ⁴							1
Number of Members attending Friends' Schools and Colleges, ⁵							4

Recorder or Clerk Theodore Paullin

- 1 Resident Members--those living within commuting distance.
 2 Include those present for part of the time of Worship.
 3 Adults, children, teachers, leaders.
 4 Meetings for Worship, Discussion, etc. May describe on back of form.
 5 Please list schools on back.

Prove your figures by adding number of Males and Females which should give total number of Members; also by adding Resident and Non-Resident Members.

- The Monthly Meeting Recorder should keep a copy of these Statistics;
 The Monthly Meeting Clerk should keep a copy of these Statistics with the Minutes;
 One copy of these Statistics should be sent to the Quarterly Meeting Clerk;
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Harriet Williams Pulver died 11-9-77

Earlham
Westtown
George School
Barnesville

The regular business meeting of the Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends was held Thursday, April 13th, with twenty-seven members present. The clerk opened the meeting with a reading from Christian Faith and Practice of London Yearly Meeting. This was followed by a short period of worship.

Ministry and Counsel reported that the response to the suggestion of gatherings in Friends' homes with some of our new members and attenders in mind had been most gratifying. It also raised for discussion possible ways of expediting the Eleventh hour. It was decided to take this under consideration in arranging next year's program.

Alice Cheney volunteered to welcome Herbert Sinnock into the meeting as a Junior member. Lisa Graf will join with her in this. A certificate for the transfer of membership of Will and Jandi Austin from the West Scotland Monthly Meeting has been received.

The Treasurer reported that \$6,770. has been received in contributions so far this year - \$855. behind the amount received at this time last year.

The preliminary report of the Nominating Committee was presented and some suggestions made for the final report next month.

Archie Meshenuk reported for the special committee named in February to investigate the meeting's relationship with the Nursery School. The committee has concluded, based on the sentiment of the meeting, that our subsidy to the Nursery School should cease. It has drawn up a letter to the Nursery School stating the situation and asking them to assume gradually over the next two years their full share of the operating costs. This letter was read and suggestions made to be incorporated before it is forwarded to the Nursery School.

Ron Cretaro reported for the Court Monitoring Project that their work continues along essentially the same lines with the exception of more work being undertaken in the juvenile courts.

Archie Meshenuk reported for the Building and Grounds Committee that Saturday, May 6th, will be a Meeting Yard Clean-up Day from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. In June work will be in progress each Saturday.

Margaret Morrison reported on the New Call to Peacemaking Conference held April 1st to 9th at Powell House which she attended along with Amy and Betty Hathaway.

The clerk expressed appreciation for the care and concern of Friends during her recent illness.

A letter was read from Alice Jorgensen expressing her appreciation of the meeting over the years.

A note was received from Bea Coward asking for a message of greeting from Hartford Monthly Meeting to the Yearly Meeting of France which she hopes to attend shortly. The clerk was directed to draw up such a letter.

Plans for the New England Yearly Meeting Committee Day were announced and Friends urged to attend.

After further announcements and a period of silence, the meeting adjourned to meet next on May 11th.

Elsa Cullen, Clerk

Katherine Smedley,
Acting for the Recording Clerk

Minutes of
Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends
5 - 11 - 1978

Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends convened at the Meeting House in West Hartford at 7:30 P.M. on the Eleventh Day of Fifth Month, 1978. Talmadge Neece served as Clerk. 26 were present. The meeting opened with a period of worship, during which the Clerk read a passage from the 1911 Book of Discipline of London Yearly Meeting, dealing with the quality of life which does not depend on possession of things.

Katherine Smedley reported for Ministry and Counsel, reading a minute concerning freedom of ministry in worship, which will be reproduced in the Bulletin. Mid-week meeting for worship will continue through the summer. On the 4th Day of 6th Month those who have been reading the Book of John will meet to exchange reactions. Tina Meshenuk and Stephen Maher are to be married on the 20th Day of 5th Month. There will be a special celebration at the Meeting House of First Day, the 14th.

Ellen Searle-LeBel and Bruce LeBel are soon travelling to San Francisco, where they will live. The Meeting approved having the Clerk provide them with a letter of introduction to Friends along the way.

Robert Brill presented a Treasurer's Report, which showed slightly higher receipts than last year at this time.

Robert Brill presented the written report of the Nominating Committee. The Meeting approved the nominations with a few amendments. Talmadge Neece was chosen to serve on Nominating Committee for three years.

Archie Meshenuk reported on negotiations with the Nursery School concerning their share of maintenance costs of \$4,700 per year. The Nursery School has agreed to increase their annual contribution from \$2,000 to \$3,000 for 1978-1979, as against the \$3,350 which the meeting had suggested. The Meeting accepted this proposal, with the understanding that there will be reconsideration in December for the following academic year. It was agreed that the Nursery School might use the Meeting House for fund raising events which might enable them to contribute more in 1978-1979, subject to the approval of the special committee.

Quarterly Meeting will be held on the 3rd and 4th of Sixth Month at Moodus, with Middletown Meeting as host. Marjorie and Henry Baechler, Kitty Chick, and Ted Paullin were designated as representatives.

Peter Goldberger reported on the Court Monitoring Project, for the Advisory Board. The Board recommended, and the Meeting approved, that after five years of intensive activity, with many of its goals achieved, the Court Monitoring Project should be laid down in August. The Director, staff, and volunteers are now ready to consider new endeavors. The Meeting decided that there should be a party of celebration in July to honor those who have worked on the Project. Helen Brill, Ruth Fitch and Martin Henner were chosen to serve as a committee to assist in winding up the affairs of the Project.

Roz Spier reported on the activities of the Peace and Social Concerns Committee.

Margaret Morrison spoke of the interests of PACE, and the number of Meeting members who participate. She also read a letter to French Friends introducing Bea Coward, which she had written.

Archie Meshenuk reported for Buildings and Grounds Committee on the maintenance work which has been done and needs to be done by members of the meeting, and suggested that a First Day be set aside when this could be done in the afternoon. The Meeting approved the idea. Painting of the Meeting House will resume on the 3rd Day of Sixth Month. The Meeting approved installing additional security lights with a timing device.

Karen Fitch announced the breakfast being prepared by Young Friends on the 21st Day of Fifth Month.

Alice Cheney reported on the Conference on Aging held on the 29th of Fourth Month at Mt. Toby Meeting.

Robert Brill reported on the successful New England Yearly Meeting Committee Day at Hartford Meeting on the 22nd of Fourth Month.

The Clerk read a letter from Laurel D'Aquille and Thomas P. Mangan asking that the Meeting accept care over their intended marriage. Virginia Datto, Arthur Wolf, Jason Roth, and Kitty Chick were appointed as a Committee on Clearness.

After a period of silence, the meeting adjourned at 10:25 P.M., purposing to meet again on the 8th Day of Sixth Month.

Talmadge Neece, Acting Clerk

Theodore Paullin

Theodore Paullin, Recording Clerk

HARTFORD MONTHLY MEETING

Appointments and Committees for June 1, 1978 to May 31, 1979

Book: Elsa Cullen
Clerk: Theodore Paullin
Clerk: Katherine Smedley
Recording Clerk: Theodore Paullin

Treasurer: Robert Brill
Auditor: Fazli Datoo
Recorder: Wendell Clepper
Archivist and Historian: Theodore Paullin

MINISTRY ON MINISTRY AND COUNSEL:	ONE YEAR	TWO YEARS	THREE YEARS
Clerk: Barbara Taylor	Paul Cullen	Moses Bailey	Helen Brill
	Betty Hathaway	Virginia Datoo	John McConnell
	Donald Mick	Barbara Taylor	Talmadge Neece

REPRESENTATIVES TO

MONTHLY MEETING FINANCE COM: Robert Brill. Q'TRLY MEETING NOMINATING COM. Francis Helfrick
" " MINISTRY & COUNSEL: Betty Hathaway
" " NOMINATING COM: Henry Baechler
" " PEACE & SOCIAL CONCERNS: Bea Coward CHURCH WOMEN UNITED: Virginia Costales
" " HINGHAM HOME: Alice Cheney CAB. REGION CONF. OF CHURCHES: James Reik
GREATER HARTFORD GROUP HOMES: Jeanne Clepper

COMMITTEE OF CONCERN FOR OLDER FRIENDS: Alice Cheney, Clerk. John Breasted, Helen Brill, Avis Crowe, Salley Sawyer, Ben Wojan

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Paul Cullen, Clerk. Robert Brill, James Carpenter, Hall Cushman, Ruth Fitch, Karen Hemmingsen, Martin Henner, Bruce Loudon, Richard Murray, Susie Newcomer, James Reik, Arthur Wolf, Fazli Datoo.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Judith Purvis, Clark. Clotean, Maris and Carry Brayfield, Connie Chambers, Karen Fitch, Joan Fumia, Lisa Graf, Sylvia Helfrick, Mabel Jasut, Katherine Mawer, Laurel McConnell.

YOUTH FRIENDS: Virginia Datoo, Donald Mick, Co-clerks. Liesse Brayfield, Danette Brown, Judith Jones, Dorothy Meshonuk, Lisa Paulin, Salley Sawyer.

ADULTS: Martin and Beth Rothblatt, Co-clerks.

SEVENTH HOUR: Ellen Paullin & Kiki Wolf, Co-clerks. Wendell Clepper, Avis Crowe, Marion Cushman, Mary Formen, Helen Glenn, Judith Kahane, Margaret Morrison, Talmadge Neece, Katherine Smedley.

WOMEN: Andrew Linn, Clerk. Henry Baechler, John Breasted, Beatrice Coward, Frances deCou, Grace Fogg, Virginia Hicks, Mabel Jasut, Petrona Jones, Toos Knuttel, Patricia Loring, Vernon Martin, William Marut, Sally Morrison, Fritz Semmler, Gertrude Torry, Bobbe Yager, Frances Zane.

RELIGIOUS AND FAMILY ENRICHMENT: Kitty Chick and Nancy Mason, Co-clerks. Marion Cushman, Virginia Datoo, Judy Glading, Salley Sawyer.

INTER LINE NURSERY SCHOOL LIAISON: Kitty Chick

CONFERENCE ENCOURAGER: Beatrice Coward

BUILDING AND GROUNDS: Archie Meshonuk, Clerk. Robert Brill, Otis Brown, James Carpenter, John Franklin, James Gould, Lenora Grizzell, Francis Helfrick, Arend-Jan Knuttel, Thomas Mangan, Donald Mick, Arthur Wolf, John Day.

MAINTENANCE: James Carpenter, Clerk. Eric Fitch, Francis Helfrick, James & Helen Wolf

BUILDING USE: Alice Cheney and Ruth Wojan.

MAPLEWOOD PROPERTIES: Archie Meshonuk, Convenor. Paul Cullen, Talmadge Neece, Ruth Wojan

FELLOWSHIP AND OUTREACH: Marjorie Bacchler and Mary Jane Carpenter

MAILING LIST: Sally Morrison and Aileen Mangan.

TELEPHONE INFORMATION LINE: Ruth Wojan

BULLETIN: Marjorie Bacchler, Editor. Ruth, Karen and Eric Fitch, James Gould, Karen Hemmingsen.

HOSPITALITY: Edith Neece, Clerk. Jane Cheney, Virginia Costales, Karen Fitch, Lisa Graf, Kim and Martha Klitgaard, Peter Jones, Ruth Lilienthal, Laurel McConnell, Sally Morrison, Susie Newcomer, Katherine Smedley, Ruth Wojan

MEMORIAL COMMITTEE: Helen Brill, Clerk. Aileen Mangan, Talmadge Neece, Ellen Paullin, Barbara Taylor, Arthur Wolf.

USHERS: Bill Brayfield, Clerk. Clotean Brayfield, Mary Jane Carpenter, Hall and Marion Cushman, Karen Fitch, Petrona and Peter Jones, Martha Klitgaard, Ruth Lilienthal, Thomas Mangan, Michael and Katherine Mawer, Sally Morrison, Don and Brad Neece, Joseph Purvis.

PEACE AND SOCIAL CONCERNS: Rosalind Spicer, Clerk. Henry and Marjorie Bacchler, John Broasted, Helen Brill, Audrey Brown, Virginia Costales, Beatrice Coward, Avis Crowe, Laurel D'Aquilla, Martha J. Brown, Valeska Ginouves, Nathaniel Hathaway, Susie Newcomer, Marion and Elizabeth Rotblatt, Salley Sawyer, Ben Wojan.

AFSC: Martin Henner

FCNL: Martin Henner, Talmadge Neece

CLOTHING RELIEF: Alice Cheney, Clerk. Helen and Robert Brill, Mary Jane Carpenter, Mabel Jasut, Dorothea Kelsey, Katharine Locke, Edith Neece, Ruth Wojan.

NUCLEAR POWER: Donald Mick, Salley Sawyer

CONNECTICUT FRIENDS COUNCIL: Henry Bacchler

FOOD PANTRY: Archie Meshonuk

BEAUTIFICATION: Mary Jane Carpenter, Convenor. Daphne Brown, Alice Cheney, Elsa Cullen, Francis Helfrick, Kiki Wolf.

CLEAVER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND: Theodore Paullin and Patricia Ritter.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: One Year
Sally Morrison

Two Years
Ruth Wojan

Three Years
Talmadge Neece

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Minutes of
Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends
6 - 8 - 1978

Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends convened at the Meeting House in West Hartford on Eighth Day of Sixth Month, 1978, at 7:30 P.M. 21 were present.

The meeting opened with a period of worship. The Clerk reported on the condition of Dahné Brown, and the care she is receiving from her niece and friends. Arrangements for a memorial meeting for Carl Brown, who died on June 3, are being held in abeyance for the time being.

A memorial service for Ken Noel, who died on June 7, will be held on Saturday at 2 P.M.

Bobbie Taylor, its new Clerk, reported for Ministry and Counsel. They have a concern about the ways in which prayer can be used more in the Meeting, especially for mutual support.

Ministry and Counsel recommended that Helen Glenn be accepted into membership. The meeting approved. Roz Spier and Mary Forman were appointed to welcome her.

Robert Brill presented the Treasurer's report. The Court Monitoring program still needs \$850 to balance its accounts.

Arthur Wolf reported for the Clearness Committee on the proposed marriage of Thomas Magan and Laurel D'Aquille, and recommended that the Meeting assume care of the marriage on the 19th Day of Eighth Month. Henry and Marjorie Baechler and Wendell and Jeanne Cloper were appointed as a Committee on Oversight for the wedding.

Beatrice Coward, Dorothy Meshenuk, Theodore Paullin, and Robert Brill were appointed as Representatives to Yearly Meeting.

Judy Glading reported on the successful Quarterly Meeting at the Moodus 4-H Camp on June 3 and 4. The next Quarterly Meeting will be held at Mt. Toby on October 14 and 15.

Beatrice Coward reported on Quaker contacts during her recent visit to Europe, especially with France Yearly Meeting, from whom she brought warm greetings.

Roz Spier reported on the Court Monitoring Project. They would like to have a tag sale at the Meeting House in the Fall to raise money to cover their deficit. The Meeting agreed on holding a joint tag sale or other fund raising project on September 30 for this purpose and to replenish the Contingency Fund.

Marjorie Baechler reported on the large attendance of Hartford Meeting members at United Nations Disarmament Rally in New York on May 27.

Helen Brill spoke of the concern of the F.C.N.L. with the question of whether the termination of pregnancy shall be made available to poor women through public funds. They were given advice from meetings before October 6. It was agreed that a committee of Joe and Judy Puvion, Judith Kahane, Kiki Wolf, Virginia Costales, Helen Brill, and Francis Helfrick hold an Eleventh Hour discussion during the summer, and try to formulate a minute for consideration at the September meeting for business.

The Clerk made a number of announcements concerning coming events.

The meeting decided to accept the invitation of the Glenns to have a picnic at home in Litchfield, tentatively on August 27.

After a period of silence, the meeting adjourned at 9:30 P.M., purposing to meet again on the 14th Day of Ninth Month.

Elsa Cullen

Elsa Cullen, Clerk

Theodore Paullin

Theodore Paullin, Recording Clerk

Minutes of
Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends
9 - 14 - 78

Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends convened at 7:35 P.M. on the 14th day of Ninth Month at the Meeting House in West Hartford. About 30 were present.

The meeting opened with a period of worship during which the Clerk read a quotation from Rufus Jones dealing with Continuous Revelation.

The Clerk welcomed Joan Christofferson of the Missoula, Montana, Worship Group.

Barbara Taylor reported for Ministry and Counsel. They have been concerned about our work with young people, and want to encourage parents to have their children attend First Day School regularly. Mid-week meetings are to be continued but perhaps not in their present form.

Hall Cushman, Jr., has requested that he be transferred from Junior Membership to Full Membership in the Meeting. The Meeting approved. Donald Mick and Avis Crowe will visit him at Marlboro College.

Ministry and Counsel encourages Friends to wear name tags after First Day Worship.

Betty Hathaway presented a request to New England Yearly Meeting Program Committee that time be provided at Yearly Meeting in 1979 for an informal session on Homosexuality. The Meeting approved sending on this request.

Robert Brill presented a Treasurer's Report showing income of \$16,641 on a budget of \$31,000. The Court Monitoring Program has expended \$5,161, leaving a deficit of \$13, which has been covered.

Judy Purvis presented the following statement concerning the Termination of Pregnancy, which has been developed during the summer to be transmitted to the Friends Committee on National Legislation. The Meeting approved.

STATEMENT ON THE TERMINATION OF PREGNANCY

"We believe that the difficult decision whether or not to terminate pregnancy is a matter of individual conscience, and must be made on moral and ethical grounds. We oppose any attempt to make abortion illegal. The Hyde Amendment and all similar legislation are wrong because they impose a moral and ethical point of view on poor women, and only on the poor, simply because they are receiving financial help for their families. Once a needy pregnant woman, with the aid of appropriate counselling, has made her decision, we believe our government should provide financial support for her medical expenses whether or not she decides to carry the pregnancy to term.

We strongly support legislation which lessens the need for abortion, such as increased support for birth control counselling and sex education, especially in schools; Medicaid coverage for sterilization; liberalization of adoption laws; additional support, financial and otherwise, for women who accept the responsibility of raising children; and medical research in the field of sexuality.

We have a special concern for young teenage girls. Abortion has become an increasingly frequent solution for them, as they continue to be ignorant of, or unwilling to use, current methods of birth control. Many of these young girls are not emotionally, physically or financially prepared to be responsible mothers. New and creative programs are needed to make alternatives to abortion practical and attractive to teenagers of both sexes."

It was decided to send a copy to the Hartford Courant as a letter to the Editor, and a copy to the Clerk of the Connecticut Friends Council. Friends are encouraged to communicate the statement to their members of the Legislature and Congress, and candidates for public office.

The Meeting expressed its appreciation for the fine work of the special committee that worked on this subject.

Judy Purvis reported on the successful opening of the First Day School. More teachers will be needed for later terms.

Henry Baechler reported on the work of the Connecticut Friends Council, composed of Connecticut Friends Meetings belonging to New York and New England Yearly Meetings. They will meet in Hartford on November 4 and November 19.

The Young Friends of junior and senior high school age met on last First Day, the 10th of September. Eleven Young Friends attended and plan to meet regularly.

Roz Spier reported on the plans for the Tag Sale on September 30.

Roz Spier reported for the Advisory Board of the Court Monitoring Program, on the process of terminating the program. She presented copies of the booklet "Arrested. What Happens Next?", developed by the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act workers, which has just been published. The Advisory Board requests the Meeting to contribute severance pay for Ron Cretaro, since he is not eligible for unemployment compensation. The Meeting agreed to appropriate \$500 for this purpose.

Roz Spier, Kitty Chick, and Judith Gladding were appointed as Representatives to Quarterly Meeting at Mt. Toby on October 21.

Ted Paullin and Helen Brill reported on New England Yearly Meeting.

Jeanne Clepper reported that the State has approved the sale of Friends Community securities in Connecticut, so that people here can now join.

Archie Meshenuk reminded Friends of the need for food for the Hartford Church Pa

Wendell Clepper reported that the wedding of Thomas Mangan and Laurel D'Aquilla took place under the care of the Meeting on August 26, 1978. 144 people signed the Marriage Certificate.

The Clerk read greetings from Toyama Monthly Meeting and Mito Monthly Meeting, i Japan, inscribed on the travelling minute of Brad Noel, and read a letter from Ellen Searle Le Bel from Berkeley, California.

After a period of silence the meeting adjourned at 10:15 P.M., purposing to meet again on the 12th Day of Tenth Month.

Elsa Cullen

Elsa Cullen, Clerk

Theodore Paullin

Theodore Paullin, Recording Cler

Minutes of
Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends
10 - 12 - 1978

Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends convened at the Meeting House in West Hartfo at 7:30 P.M. on the Twelfth Day of Tenth Month, 1978. 24 were present.

The meeting opened with a period of worship, during which the Clerk read a passa by Rufus Jones, entitled "Co-Workers with God."

Barbara Taylor reported for Ministry and Counsel. They recommend Patricia Lorin for membership. The meeting approved and appointed Robert Brill and Bea Coward as a committee to welcome her.

Ministry and Counsel suggests having a Halloween party again this year. Ginny Datto and Jesse Stratton are willing to help with arrangements. If there is suffici interest, it will be held on October 27.

Hartford was the only meeting to present a statement on abortion at Yearly Meeting Ministry and Counsel on September 23.

Elizabeth Watson has accepted our invitation to speak at Quarterly Meeting on February 3 and 4, 1979. We hope that she will be able to lead us in considering the future of Friends.

The memorial service for Cornelius Kruse is to be held in Middletown Meeting on October 22 at 10 A.M.

Archie Meshenuk reported for Building and Grounds Committee. They are attemptin to contract for furnace service by the Gas Company, and plan to replace the refriger and stove in the kitchen. They have arranged with Sam and Sven Thyschen to carry ou major masonry repairs which are needed, at a cost of about \$900.

Helen Brill expressed a concern about the need for help on housekeeping chores around the Meeting House, and suggested establishing a committee to assume this responsibility. She and Roz Spier agreed to coordinate volunteers until a new commi are appointed.

Jim Carpenter reminded Friends that they have firewood available at their land i North Canton, and will have a work day there the first weekend in November.

Roz Spier reported on the successful tag sale at the Meeting House on September 30. The Meeting expressed great appreciation for the work of Helen Brill and Roz Spier, as well as the many others who contributed.

Robert Brill presented the Treasurer's Report. To September 30 we have received \$8,765 on a budget of \$31,477. The Tag Sale netted \$2,842.

Helen Brill reported on Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel in Storrs on October 8.

The Clerk read a letter from Ron Cretaro thanking the meeting for its friendship over the years. Jeanne Clepper reported that he is still job hunting but is doing some neighborhood work.

Friends are encouraged to continue visiting the courts as the way opens.

Roz Spier reported for Peace and Social Concerns Committee. The Peace and Social Concerns Committee of New England Yearly Meeting asks reactions to the proposal to establish a Yearly Meeting account to receive monies from Friends as an alternative to paying taxes for military purposes. The meeting gave its support to the idea, and urges its acceptance by the Permanent Board of New England Yearly Meeting.

Hartford's Committee asks for expressions of interest in forming small study groups dealing with individual issues.

The meeting authorized Peace and Social Concerns Committee to prepare a letter to be signed by the Clerk on behalf of the Meeting, addressed to Judge Quinn, asking him to reconsider the sentence of probation imposed on Bruce Martin, on the grounds that we do not understand the purpose or necessity of a year's probation in this case.

The Clerk read letters from Marilyn Krysil, Earl Brown and Lucy Robinson, in appreciation of the memorial service for Daphne and Carl Brown.

After a period of silence the Meeting adjourned at 10:05 P.M., purposing to meet again on the Ninth Day of Eleventh Month.

Elsa Cullen

Elsa Cullen, Clerk

Theodore Paullin

Theodore Paullin, Recording Clerk

Minutes of
Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends
11 - 9 - 1978

Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends convened at the Meeting House in West Hartford at 7:30 P.M. on the Ninth Day of Eleventh Month, 1978. 21 were present. The Clerk opened the meeting by reading a selection concerning the meaning of membership, from the New England Yearly Meeting Faith and Practice. A period of worship followed.

Barbara Taylor reported for Ministry and Counsel. Midweek meetings have become worship-sharing groups, and solicit people to rotate responsibility for opening the Meeting House.

Ministry and Counsel raise the question of changing the time for Meeting for during the winter. The Meeting decided to hold it at 11:00 A.M. on the second Fast Day of First and Second Months in 1979.

Robert Brill reported on the welcoming visit to Patricia Loring. The Clerk received a request from Friendship Monthly Meeting, Greensboro, North Carolina, to transfer the junior memberships of Kristina Ray Bailey and Angela Gene Bailey. The meeting approved.

Robert Brill presented the Treasurer's report. \$20,000 has been received toward the budget of \$31,000. We have received half of the amount expended for "Songs of the Spirit."

Marge Baechler reported for Peace and Social Concerns Committee. There will be a celebration over Bruce Martin's release from probation at Betty Hathaway's on the 18th of Eleventh Month. A number of study groups have been organized.

The Clerk called attention to the Fast for a World Harvest on the 16th of Eleventh Month, sponsored by Oxfam-America.

Plans for Christmas activities were reviewed, including a Christmas Eve service.

Judy Glading reported on Quarterly Meeting at Mt. Toby on October 21. Connie Comfort is the new Clerk of Quarterly Meeting.

Jeanne Clepper reported that the workshop on Alternatives to Violence within the prison system, was held here last Saturday under the auspices of the Connecticut Friends Council.

There were announcements of a number of activities of interest to Friends.

There was no positive response to the question of whether we should provide additional compensation to Ron Cretaro from the proceeds of the Tag Sale.

Sally Morrison reported for the Nominating Committee, recommending that Jess Stratton fill the remainder of Virginia Datto's term on Ministry and Counsel. The meeting approved.

After a period of silence, the meeting adjourned at 9:15 P.M. purposing to meet again on the 14th day of Twelfth Month.

E/la Cullen

Elsa Cullen, Clerk

Theodore Paullin

Theodore Paullin, Recording Secretary

Minutes of
Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends
12 - 14 - 1978

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Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends convened at the Meeting House in West Hartford on the 14th day of 12th Month, 1978, at 7:35 P.M. 26 were present.

The meeting opened with a period of worship during which the Clerk read a Christmas selection entitled "One Solitary Life".

The Clerk welcomed visitors, Douglas Eglinton and Bernard O'Shea.

Kay Smedley presented the proposals for revising New England Yearly Meeting's Fifth and Practice. There will be an Eleventh Hour discussion of the alternatives on the 4th day of Third Month, 1979.

Ministry and Counsel recommends Michael and Katharine Mawer for membership in the Meeting. The recommendation was accepted, and John and Laurel McConnell and Mary Fman were appointed to welcome them.

Talmadge Neece called attention to the list of non-resident members, and asked for volunteers to write each one on behalf of the Meeting. He also read a minute from Storrs Monthly Meeting, concerning the assumption by Storrs and Shirley Olds of the Clerkship of the Meeting School. The Meeting hopes to heed the request for aid, and to cooperate in whatever way we can.

Paul Cullen reported for the Finance Committee. About \$26,300 has been received toward a budget of \$31,477, leaving \$5,000 to be raised before the end of the year. The Tag Sale has yielded about \$3,000. We have received \$2,700 from the estate of Harriet Pulver, which will also be applied to the Meeting's operating capital. Helen Bill spoke of the meaning of this bequest.

The Clerk announced that Laurel McConnell will serve as Co-clerk of the First Day School Committee for the rest of the year. Laurel then reported for the Committee on the teachers who will assume classes in January. There will be a Christmas program next First Day.

Margaret Morrison reported on the plans for the Christmas Eve service, beginning at seven o'clock.

Elsa Cullen spoke on United Nations Human Rights Week. Judith Kahane presented material on the boycott of J.P. Stevens Co. The Meeting adopted the following minute:

As Friends, we affirm the right of employees to organize for collective bargaining into union and other groups of their own choosing;

we affirm the rights and responsibilities of employers and employees to bargain in good faith;

we protest those employment policies of any company which discriminate against either women or minorities, in hiring, or discharging;

we protest those companies which fail to provide conditions of work which meet health and occupational safety standards necessary to prevent disease and injury;

we refuse to condone the open defiance by any company of court-ordered changes in their health, safety, and employment policies;

and we cannot remain passive when all efforts to resolve problems such as the above through the courts achieve no change because the company flouts lawful orders of the courts.

When convincing evidence of exploitation, discrimination, law-breaking and other anti-social behavior on the part of a company has been discovered by Friends or brought to their attention, those circumstances make it imperative for Friends to make their purchasing decisions with due regard to these facts and without regard for their own convenience or economic advantage.

Since the evidence indicates that all the above problems and conditions involving the J. P. Stevens Company and its employees exist and have continued to exist with change for many years, the Hartford Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends calls upon the management and directors of the J. P. Stevens Company to negotiate in good faith with elected union representatives and to comply with the court-ordered changes in their health, safety, and employment policies; and until there is positive action on the part of J. P. Stevens Company with regard to these matters,

we endorse the boycott of all products manufactured by the J. P. Stevens Company and urge everyone to refrain from purchasing any goods produced by J. P. Stevens Company until the boycott is lifted.

Copies of the minute will be sent to other Friends Meetings, J. P. Stevens Company, the union, the Christian Conference of Connecticut, the Connecticut Friends Council, the press and others at the discretion of the Clerk of the Peace and Social Concerns Committee and Judith Kahane.

Roz Apier reported on the Nestle Boycott. She presented a statement from the Formula Action Coalition, which the Meeting did not feel ready to endorse at this time. The Peace and Social Concerns Committee was asked to formulate a revised minute on this subject, to be presented at a later meeting.

Helen Brill spoke of the plight of the Indo-Chinese refugees. It is possible to sponsor individuals as immigrants, and there is a real need. The Meeting expressed its support of the Brills in their proposed sponsorship of three such people.

Henry Baechler reported on the Annual Meeting of the Friends Committee on National Legislation, where they established priorities for next year.

Lisa Paulin reported on the United Nations Seminar for Young Friends, which she attended in November in New York. They explored the Middle East situation with representatives of various groups and countries.

Dorothy Meshenuk announced the Mid-winter conference of Young Friends at the end of December at Friendly Crossways.

West Hartford Fellowship Housing requests two members of our meeting to serve on their Board of Directors. The Meeting agreed to accept membership and appointed Cheney to the Board.

A number of announcements were presented, and the Clerk read a number of greetings to the Meeting.

After a period of silence, the meeting adjourned at 10:10 P.M., purposing to meet again on the 14th day of First Month.

Elsa Cullen

Elsa Cullen, Clerk

Theodore Paullin

Theodore Paullin, Recording Clerk

Minutes - January 14, 1979

Hartford Monthly Meeting for Business convened at the Meeting House in West Hartford at 11:15 A.M. on the 14th day of First Month, 1979. About 50 persons were present. The Clerk spoke about the nature of the Meeting for business.

The Meeting settled into a period of worship, during which the Clerk read a selection from George Fox.

Barbara Taylor reported for Ministry and Counsel. They raise a question about the wishes of the Meeting concerning the mid-week meeting for worship. For the moment, during the wintermonths, it is not being held. They are also concerned about a tendency towards late arrival at regular meetings for worship.

Katherine Smedley spoke about the proposals for the revision of New England Yearly Meeting's Faith and Practice. The Meeting for Business in Second Month will discuss the matter further.

The Carlsten family, Bruce, Dorothy, Jamie and Curtis, ask the transfer of their membership to Purchase Monthly Meeting in New York. The Meeting approved.

Quarterly Meeting will be held in Hartford on the 3rd and 4th of Second Month. Elizabeth Watson will be our special guest on this occasion, leading a consideration of the future of the Society of Friends. The meeting reviewed other plans.

Robert Brill presented the Annual Report of the Treasurer of 1978. The Meeting accepted the report.

Paul Cullen commented on the budget process of the coming year. The Meeting approved having the Finance Committee send a letter to members and attenders, with an analysis of the record of contributions in 1978. A subcommittee of Kiki Wolf, Roz Spier and Brad Noel will work with Paul on this.

Roz Spier reported for Peace and Social Concerns Committee that a study group on Disarmament is meeting and others are proposed on Sources of Energy and Socialism.

Martin Henner and Karen Hemmingsen presented to the Meeting a framed woodcut by Donald Baskin, in appreciation of the Meeting's care of their wedding. The Clerk

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accepted with thanks.

The Meeting adjourned for lunch at 12:50 P.M. , purposing to meet again on the 11th Day of Second Month.

Elsa Cullen

Elsa Cullen, Clerk

Theodore Paullin

Theodore Paullin, Recording Clerk

Minutes of
Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends
2 - 11- 1979

Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends convened at the Meeting House in West Hartford on the 11th day of Second Month, 1979, at 11:15 A.M. About 50 persons were present. The Clerk read a portion of a newsletter of Mt. Toby Meeting, concerning the conduct of a meeting for business, and another from the writings of Elizabeth Watson. A period of silent worship followed.

Bobbie Taylor reported for Ministry and Counsel. The following junior members are being dropped from membership upon reaching the age of 25: Benjamin S. Boulton, Deborrah J. Cullen, Christina Meshenuk Maher, Diane Parton, Jonathan Peik and James R. Wolf.

Katherine Mawer reported that the welcoming committee had called upon them.

Kay Smedley reported on plans for the revision of New England Yearly Meeting's FAITH AND PRACTICE.

Wendell Clepper presented the Recorder's annual statistical report for 1978, showing a total of 238 members, an increase of one over 1977. The Meeting approved the report.

Paul Cullen distributed copies of the budget for 1979 as prepared by the Finance Committee and commented upon it. A general discussion followed. The Meeting made a small number of changes and then approved the budget.

Lisa Paulin and Liesse Brayfield reported on the gathering of about 25 New England Yearly Meeting Young Friends which was held at Hartford at the time of Quarterly Meeting.

Helen Brill reported for Peace and Social Concerns Committee. Avis Crowe and Max Paulin were appointed to attend the A.F.S.C. conference at Storrs on March 24. The Meeting referred back to the Committee the statement endorsing the boycott of Nestle products.

There was discussion concerning whether to continue holding Meeting for Business on First Day.

The meeting adjourned at 1:10 P.M., purposing to meet again on the 11th day of Third Month.

Elsa Cullen

Elsa Cullen, Clerk

Theodore Paullin

Theodore Paullin, Recording Clerk

Minutes of
Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends
3-11-1979

Hartford Monthly Meeting for Business convened at the Meeting House in West Hartford on the Eleventh Day of Third Month, 1979, at 11:30 A.M. About 50 were present.

The meeting opened with a period of worship, during which the Clerk read a passage from London Yearly Meeting's Faith and Practice, concerning the nature of service.

Barbara Taylor reported for Ministry and Counsel, reading a letter from John Brainard, and remarking on the feeling that there is need for small groups within the Meeting in order to allow people to become better acquainted.

The Clerk announced that for insurance purposes we need a photographic inventory. Jesse Stratton, Michelle Bartlett, Tony Stapleton, Vernon Martin and Leslie Kish agreed to take the pictures.

Paul Cullen reported that the finance committee has not completed its study of costs to be attributed to the nursery school.

The Clerk read the report of Fazli Datoos as auditor, saying that the accounts are in good order.

Roz Spier, reporting for the Peace and Social Concerns Committee, called attention to a number of A.F.S.C. activities, and other related matters. Study groups looking forward to action are meeting dealing with "Disarmament", Vegetarian diets, and "Tax Refusal". Marge Baechler explained the plan to withhold \$2.41 per person, which is equal to the per capita expenditure for the military for Easter Sunday. There is also interest in a group on "Non-violence".

Helen Brill brought a message from Bea Coward concerning the demonstration on April 7 at Groton, protesting the launching of the first Trident submarine.

The Clerk read a letter from Kiki Wolf requesting that the Meeting assume the care of her marriage to Douglas Eglinton. The Meeting appointed a Clearness

3-11-79 concluded

Committee composed of Elsa and Paul Cullen, and James and Mary Jane Carpenter.

Nancy Mason reported on the Workshop on Parenting which was held yesterday. Another is to be held at a later date.

Ruth Wojan reported on the progress of the Nominating Committee. A preference form will be included in the next Bulletin.

The Clerk announced the gift by Richard Boulton of a water color which was selected in Taiwan by Agnes and himself. The frame will be provided by Grace Fleming. It will ~~hang~~ be in the Williams Room. The Meeting expressed its deep appreciation of this gift.

Helen Brill spoke of the plans of Amnesty International, which is holding a New England meeting in Hartford on March 30.

The Meeting approved raising funds during the month of April for the repair of the Hertford Meeting House in England.

Helen Brill reported on the need for household equipment for Vietnamese refugees in this area.

Henry Baechler and Michelle Bartlett were appointed representatives to the Good Friday Peace Witness in Boston.

There was an exchange of personal news. The Clerk read a letter from Paul and Nancy Barton telling of their new worship group in Milford, New Hampshire, and a card from Karen Fitch in Spain.

Talmadge Neece reported for the F.C.N.L. , urging immediate opposition to efforts to revive conscription.

The Butterworths invited the Meeting to have a picnic at Sunset Farms on June 1

After a period of silence the meeting adjourned at 1:00 P.M. purposing to meet again on the eight day of the Fourth Month.

Elsa Cullen

Elsa Cullen, Clerk

Theodore Paullin

Theodore Paullin, Recording Clerk

The Hartford Monthly Meeting for Business convened at the Meeting House in West Hartford on the eighth day of Fourth Month, 1979 at 11:30 a.m. About thirty-five were in attendance.

The meeting opened with a short period of silence.

Bobbie Taylor reported for Ministry and Counsel on several membership matters. Nancy Mason and her four children - Sarah, Mark, Dana and Emily - have applied for membership - the children as Junior members with the approval of both parents. Ministry and Counsel recommends their acceptance. The meeting approved. Mary Jane Carpenter, Bobbie Taylor, Margaret Morrison and Beth Taylor will welcome them.

Ankie Knuttel has asked to have her membership moved from that of Junior member to full membership. Mary Jane and Jim Carpenter, Kathy and Mike Mawer will visit her in this connection.

A letter of transfer of membership for Vernon Martin has been received from the New York Fifteenth Street Meeting. Judith Kahane and M. J. Erb will welcome him. Richard and Jessie Stratton and their children, Christopher and Susan, have transferred their membership from the Stillwater Meeting in Ohio. Alice Cheyney, Ruth Lilienthal and Dottie Meshenuk will call on them to welcome them.

Nathaniel Hathaway has sent a letter expressing his desire to resign from the Hartford Meeting. Ministry and Counsel recommends acceptance of his request and the meeting concurs. Robert and Helen Brill, Henry Baechler and Wendell Clepper signified their desire to visit him.

The State of Society report prepared by Paul Cullen and approved by Ministry and Counsel was read. The Meeting approved it with many expressions of appreciation. It will be sent out with the regular Newsletter.

The Meeting approved the request of the Treasurer that a checking account be opened with Reserve Fund of New York City from which Robert Brill, Theodore Paullin and Archie Meshenuk are authorized to make withdrawals.

A report from the Nominating Committee was read asking that members indicate on the sheets provided the committees on which they would like to serve in the coming year. Mary Jane Carpenter asked to be released from major committee responsibilities because of her commitment to the crucial work of Interval House.

The Clearness Committee appointed in regard to the approaching marriage of Kiki Wolf and Douglas Eglinton reported favorably on their interview. The Meeting approved their report. Mary Jane and Jim Carpenter, Paul and Elsa Cullen will serve as Committee of Oversight of the wedding.

A letter from Betty Hathaway and Vernon Martin was read expressing their wish to be married under the care of the Meeting. Tal and Edith Neece and Hall and Marion Cushman were suggested as a Clearance Committee. Sylvia and Francis Helfrick were named as alternates.

James Carpenter spoke of the necessity of taking a complete inventory of the contents of the Meeting House for insurance purposes. He asked that the five people who volunteered to take pictures of the rooms and their contents meet with him.

Roz Spier reported for Peace and Social Concerns noting the participation of about thirty members of the Meeting in the Groton vigil on April 7th as well as letters regarding the Trident launching by four of our members which appeared in city newspapers during the past week.

The Meeting expressed its appreciation to the members of the Trident/Conversion Campaign for their work in coordinating the demonstration of silent mourning and protest against the celebration of the launch of the first Trident submarine at Groton on April 7th, 1979. The Meeting supports the continued effort of this campaign.

Peace and Social Concerns also called attention to the conference on disarmament to be held on April 26th in Hartford. Volunteers are needed to assist with this. Members were also asked to call their Senators in regard to the issue of draft registration.

As the next Monthly Meeting the letter regarding endorsement of the Nestle boycott will be considered by the Meeting.

Tal and Edith Neece will be asked to be responsible for meeting efforts in response to the appeal of the Hartford (England) Friends Meeting House for funds.

After a period of silence the meeting adjourned to meet next on the thirteenth of Fifth Month at 11:30 a.m.

Elsa Cullen
Elsa Cullen, Clerk

Katherine Smedley, Acting Recording Clerk

Hartford Monthly Meeting
Religious Society of Friends
Minutes 5-13-79

The regular meeting of the Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends was held on the 13th day of Fifth Month, 1979 at the Meeting House. Approximately thirty were in attendance.

During a brief opening period of worship the clerk read from "The Whole World in His Hand" by Douglas Steere.

Individual concerns were expressed for members of our meeting who are ill. The Rindens, Lorings and Purvises will be leaving us in June and we shall say a good-bye to them at our picnic on June 17th.

The following tribute to the work of the retiring clerk, Elsa Cullen, was read and approved for inclusion in the minutes:

The Meeting wishes to record at this time its deep appreciation of the work of our retiring clerk over the past two years. The constant thought and care she has lavished on every meeting concern as well as on every individual member and attender has immeasurably strengthened our sense of oneness and direction. Her unlimited expenditure of time, energy and - above all - of heart has left us permanently enriched.

A letter of transfer of membership for John Glenn from Fifteenth Street Meeting, New York, to Hartford was received and approved. Elsa Cullen, Sally Morrison and Wendell Clepper will visit him.

There were several reports on visits made to welcome new members - Jim Carpenter on the visit of welcome to Ankie Knuttel, M. J. Erb on that to Vernon Martin and Archie Meshenuk on the one to the Stratton family.

Talmadge Neece reported for the Clearness Committee on the proposed marriage of Betty Hathaway and Vernon Martin. The Committee found no impediment to the marriage and feel that the Meeting should welcome it with great joy. Wendell Clepper, Robert Brill, Ruth Fitch and Kay Smedley will serve as a Committee of Oversight for the wedding on June 16th.

Virginia Dato was asked by the Meeting to serve on the Nominating Committee for the next three years. She accepted.

Sally Morrison, on behalf of the Nominating Committee, presented the list of committees and appointments for the coming year. The Meeting approved these. Suggestions for various changes in procedure regarding nominations and appointments were made. These were referred to the Nominating Committee for consideration. The Committee will report at the September Monthly Meeting.

A letter was read from Donald Mick and Margaret Smith requesting that their marriage take place under the care of the Meeting on September 8th. John and Laurel McConnell, Mary Forman and Wendell Clepper will serve as a Committee on Clearness. In case one of these is unable to serve, Bobbie Taylor will act in their place.

The Clamshell Alliance of Hartford has asked the Meeting for office space in the Meeting House. The Meeting approved their use of the room below the telephone room on a trial basis - the arrangements to be reevaluated after a period of four months at the end of September. Archie Meshenuk, Jim Carpenter, Roz Spier, Ruth Wojan, Alice Cheney, Jim Gladding and Tal Neece will work out and then acquaint them with the details of the arrangement. Roz Spier and Jim Gladding and one other person will act as permanent liason people.

Jeanne Clepper reported on the progress of the Friends Community in Northeastern Massachusetts. Units are now ready for viewing and occupancy.

The Treasurer's report for the first four months of 1979 was read. A total of \$10,467 has been received toward a budget of \$31,425.

Roz Spier reported for the Peace and Social Concerns Committee on the Mayor's Conference on Peace and Disarmament in April which was a great success. Many members of the Meeting contributed their time and effort. She announced four days of leafletting, May 29 th to June 1st - by the Hartford Peace Coalition in which Friends' participation is urged.

A statement regarding the Nestle Boycott was read and approved by the Meeting as is the boycott itself.

Michele Bartlett gave a brief report of Quarterly Meeting held in New Haven on May 6th.

Archie Meshenuk noted for the Building and Grounds Committee that there is need for greater attention to security. Two full day painting sessions will be organized this summer.

After a period of silence, the Meeting adjourned to meet next on the tenth of Sixth Month.

Elsa Cullen
Elsa Cullen, Clerk

Katherine Smedley, Acting Recording

Hartford Monthly Meeting
Religious Society of Friends
Minutes 6-10-79

Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends convened at the Meeting House in West Hartford following Meeting for Worship on First Day, Sixth Month 10, 1979. Thirty-five people were present, including Elizabeth Anderson, a friend of the Brills who is visiting New York.

A few moments of worship marked the beginning of the Business Meeting. The Clerk read a selection from London Yearly Meeting Faith and Practice concerning the nature of the Meeting for Business.

The report of Ministry and Counsel was presented by Helen Brill. John McCool is the new Clerk of Ministry and Counsel, Helen Brill the Recording Clerk and Mary Morrison the Corresponding Clerk. Special gratitude was expressed for the dedicated and loving service of Barbara Taylor during her year as Clerk of Ministry and Counsel.

Elsa Cullen reported on the visit of the Welcoming Committee for John Glenn whose membership has been transferred from 15th Street Meeting, New York.

Wendell Clepper requested a specially called brief Business Meeting on next First Day, Sixth Month 17, for a few minutes directly after Meeting for Worship, to report on clearness for the marriage of Donald Mick and Margaret Smith. Meeting approved and the special session is officially called.

The Treasurer's report was given by Robert Brill. So far this year, \$11,780 has been received in individual contributions.

Henry Baechler reported on the agreement with the Clamshell Alliance for use

Appointments and Committees for June 1, 1979 to May 31, 1980

Treasurer: Robert Brill
(Treasurer Fallback: Richard Stratton)
Auditor: Fazli Datoo
Recorder: Wendell Clepper
Archivist: Theodore Paullin
Historian: Katherine Smedley

Ruth Fitch
Margaret Morrison
James Reik

YEARLY MEETING FINANCE COMM: Robert Brill Q'TRLY MEETING NOMINATING COMM: Francis
" " MINISTRY & COUNSEL: Helfrick
" " NOMINATING COMM: Henry Baechler
" " PEACE & SOCIAL CONCERNS: Beatrice Coward CHURCH WOMEN UNITED:
" " " Virginia Costales
" " HINGHAM HOME: Alice Cheney CAP.REGION CONF. OF CHURCHES:
" " " Vernon Martin

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Paul Cullen & John McConnell, Co-clerks. Robert Brill, Wendell Clepper, Ruth Fitch, Bruce Loudon, Richard Murray, Susan Newcomer, Ronald Perrin, Richard Stratton, Arthur Wolf.

FIRST-DAY SCHOOL: Katharine Mawer & Laurel McConnell, Co-clerks. Carry, Clotean & Maris Brayfield, Karen Fitch, Mabel Jasut, Thomas Mangan, Anne Paulin, Anthony Stapleton, Jessie Stratton, Nancy Turner.

YOUNG FRIENDS: Virginia Datto, Clerk. Liesse Brayfield, Danette Brown, Janet Brown, Karen Fitch, Betty Hathaway, Judith Jones, Kim Klitgaard, Dorothy Meshenuk, Lisa Paulin, Salley Sawyer, Susan & William Taylor, Timothy Wojan.

YOUNG ADULTS: Michael & Katharine Mawer; Richard & Jessie Stratton, Co-clerks.

SEVENTH HOUR: Mary Forman & Don Noel, Co-clerks. Beth Carpenter, Ronald Cretaro, Marion Cushman, Vernon Martin, Ellen Paullin, Ronald Perrin, Cynthia Reik, Katherine Smedley, Anthony Stapleton, Judith Kahane

LIBRARY: Andrew Linn & Vernon Martin, Co-clerks. Faith Allen, Frances deCou, Grace Fogg, Virginia Hicks, Toos Knuttel, William Marut, Donald Mick, Gertrude Torry, Frances Zane.

INDIVIDUAL & FAMILY ENRICHMENT: Judith Glading & Nancy Mason, Co-clerks. Elsa Cullen, Helen Glenn, Mabel Jasut, Ruth Lilienthal, Dorothy Lombardi, Mary Lou Mayo, Jason Roth, Barbara Stapleton.

BAKER LANE NURSERY SCHOOL LIAISON: Karen Will

CONFERENCE ENCOURAGERS: Liesse Brayfield & Karen Will

BUILDING & GROUNDS: Archie Meshenuk & Thomas Mangan, Co-clerks. Robert Brill, Otis Brown, John Day, John Franklin, Lenora Grizzell, Arend-Jan Knuttel, Donald Mick, Mark Newcomer, Scott Ritter.

MAINTENANCE: James Carpenter & James Glading, Co-clerks. Robert Brill, David Cushman, Eric Fitch, Francis Helfrick, Olav Henningsen, Timothy Wojan, James & Helen Wolf.

BUILDING USE: Alice Cheney & Ruth Wojan.

MAPLEWOOD PROPERTIES: Archie Meshenuk, Convenor. Paul Cullen, Talmadge Neece, Ruth Wojan.

FELLOWSHIP & OUTREACH: Marjorie Baechler & Gerda Wallach.

MAILING LIST: Sally Morrison & Aileen Henningsen.

TELEPHONE INFORMATION LINE: Ruth Wojan

BULLETIN: Marjorie Baechler, Editor. Ruth, Karen & Eric Fitch.

HOSPITALITY: Edith Neece & Martha Klitgaard, Co-clerks. Michele Bartlett, Robert Brill, Audrey Brown, Peter & Petrona Jones, Kim Klitgaard, Ruth Lilienthal, Laurel Mangan, Sally Morrison, Mark Newcomer, Miriam Pomeroy.

MEMORIAL COMMITTEE: Aileen Henningsen & Arthur Wolf, Co-clerks. Helen Brill, Ruth Lilienthal, Ellen Paullin, Judith Kahane

USHERS: Bill Brayfield & Sally Morrison, Co-clerks. Michele Bartlett, Lucille Connor, Hall & Marion Cushman, James Glading, Peter & Petrona Jones, Paul & Marcia Kovach, Ruth Lilienthal, Thomas & Laurel Mangan, Michael Hawer, Susan Newcomer, Brad Noel, Cynthia Reik.

PEACE & SOCIAL CONCERNS: Beatrice Coward & Rosalind Spier, Co-clerks. Charles Ambler, John Breasted, Helen Brill, Carrie Coco, Avis Crowe, H. J. Erb, Valeska Ginouves, Betty Glenister, Ronald Perrin, Paul Reuter, Scott Ritter, Katherine Smedley, Ben Wojan.

AFSC: Judith Kahane

FCNL: Henry Baechler, Helen Brill, Talmadge Neece.

CLOTHING RELIEF: Alice Cheney, Clerk. Robert & Helen Brill, Habel Jasut, Katharine Locke, Lynda Mitchell, Edith Neece, Ruth Wojan.

NUCLEAR POWER: Nancy Alexander & Judith Jones.

CONNECTICUT FRIENDS COUNCIL: Henry Baechler & Judith Glading.

FOOD PANTRY: Archie Meshenuk

BEAUTIFICATION: Mary Jane Carpenter, Elsa Cullen, Francis Helfrick, Ellen Paullin, Kiki Wolf.

COORDINATOR OF WOMEN'S GROUP: Mary Jane Carpenter

CLEAVER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND: Theodore Paullin & Patricia Ritter.

GREATER HARTFORD GROUP HOMES: Jeanne Clepper, Clerk. Faith Allen, John Franklin, Barbara Reid.

WEST HARTFORD FELLOWSHIP HOUSING: Alice Cheney & Virginia Costales.

HOUSEKEEPING COMMITTEE: Doris Nowak, Clerk. Helen Brill, Rosalind Spier, Ruth Wojan.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

<u>One Year</u>	<u>Two Years</u>	<u>Three Years</u>
Ruth Wojan	Talmadge Neece	Virginia D

Office space in the Meeting House, the agreement to run through Ninth Month 30, 1979. Portions of the agreement were read and a copy of the agreement will be posted on the bulletin board.

The Meeting appointed Robert Brill, Wendell Clepper, Bea Coward, Henry Baechler and Jeanne Clepper as our representatives to New England Yearly Meeting.

After discussion relative to the time of Meeting for Business, decision was made to continue to meet on the second First Day of each month as promptly as possible after the rise of Meeting for Worship, 11:20 being the anticipated time.

Ginny Dattoo as Clerk of Young Friends will take the responsibility for trying to work out with Young Friends a "baby-sitting" arrangement for the time of Business Meetings.

Judith Kahane gave a report of the Eleventh Hour Committee. The general plan is:

1st First Day - Social Hour

2nd First Day - Business Meeting

3rd First Day - Program

4th First Day - Program and Fellowship Luncheon

The Clerk read a letter of introduction that has been written to Friends in Denmark and Sweden, commending a young member of our meeting, John Franklin, to their love and care, and sending greetings from Hartford Monthly Meeting. The letter was warmly approved as read.

Sally Morrison read a letter to Margaret Morrison from Graham Leonard. He requests the sending of certain books useful for him in his current teaching of teachers at Peking Normal University. Any of us visiting there could bring books and should be prepared to speak informally about the United Peking, in connection with a Protestant meeting there. The Clerk was authorized to write a note to the Protestant Church in Peking, from Hartford Meeting, for Arthur to take with him.

The Meeting also authorized the Clerk to write a note to the Friends Meeting in Seoul, for Mary Forman, and Elsa Cullen if she goes, to take to South Korea on their journey with the Friendship Force.

The Yearly Meeting Committee on Sufferings is functioning and Bea Coward is a member. They wish to be apprised of anyone in any monthly meeting who is in trouble with the law on account of Friends testimonies, as they can offer some financial and other assistance.

Max Paulin spoke about the importance of the activities of the Minute 74 Committee, of which he is a member, and pleaded eloquently for us to keep more informed and have more interest in and empathy for the attitudes and splendid work of that committee.

After a brief period of silence, the meeting adjourned, purposing to meet again for the called meeting reported above and also for the next regular Meeting for Business on the Ninth Day of Ninth Month, 1979.

Theodore Paulin

Theodore Paulin, Clerk

Sylvia M. Helfrick

Sylvia M. Helfrick, Recording Clerk

Minutes of
Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends
6/17/79

Theodore Paullin, incoming Clerk, presided over the meeting, which was a called meeting.

Following a brief period of silence, Wendell Clepper presented the report of the Clearness Committee on the proposed marriage of Donald Mick and Margaret Smith, recommending that we accept the responsibility of having this marriage under the care of the meeting. The meeting approved and appointed Elsa and Paul Cullen and Laurel and John McConnell as the Committee on Oversight of the marriage. The date will be Eighth Day, Ninth Month, 1979.

Ruth Fitch also gave a report on the marriage of Elizabeth Jean Chapin and Vernon Martin, which took place in the Meeting House on Sixth Month, Sixteenth Day - a beautiful wedding with a lovely spirit.

Theodore Paullin
Theodore Paullin, Clerk

Sylvia M. Helfrick
Sylvia Helfrick, Recording Clerk

Minutes of
Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends
9/9/79

The meeting was begun by the reading of a statement by Harold Louckes. Lucille Connor, a sometimes meeting visitor, was present, and Paul Newman, who is a friend of the Butterworths and a member of Miami Monthly Meeting of Miami, Ohio, was also a visitor today.

John McConnell, the Clerk of the meeting on Ministry and Council, presented the report of that group. Friends are asked to speak up so that all may hear spoken messages in Meeting. This will be noted in the bulletin, and Ministry and Council will consider this further. Mary Forman is planning to explore starting small "finders" group meetings for seeking and finding, not ongoing but single sessions. Ministry and Council tries to maintain contact with Meeting Members from whom we have not heard for a prolonged period. Since there has been no response to any efforts to make contact with Richard Fogg, Ministry and Council recommends discontinuing his membership. The Meeting approved of this discontinuation.

Laurel McConnell brought us up to date on what is going on in First Day School. Additional helpers are needed for our lively group of first to fourth graders. Young Friends will be leading some preschoolers and older classes. The teachers for 3- to 5- year-olds will be Maris Brayfield and Liesse Brayfield; the fifth and sixth graders will be taught by John Breasted; and Lisa Maynard will teach the seventh and eighth graders. More service projects are planned for our First

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 Schoolers. Assembly day will still be the second First Day of each month.

Mary Jane Carpenter reported on the wedding of Kiki Wolf and Douglas Eglinton on Sixth Month, 23rd day in this meeting house under the care of the Meeting.

Paul Cullen reported on the wedding of Donald Mick and Margaret Smith, which took place in the meeting house yesterday, Ninth Month, eighth day, under the care of the Meeting.

The new Clerk of Mt. Toby Meeting has sent a notice that Quarterly Meeting Friends will be held on Tenth Month, 13th day. The program will relate to proposed reinstatement of military draft and will also include meeting for worship and business meeting. Jim and Judy Gladding were named as our representatives.

Helen Brill reported on New England Yearly Meeting. Thirty-two attended from Hartford Meeting and seemed to agree that the sessions this year were ones of exceptional warmth and good will. Moses Bailey's workshop on the prophets was the best attended of the 14 workshops.

Lisa Paullin is the new Clerk of New England Young Friends, and told us of their issues relating to conscientious objectors, nuclear power, gay concerns, and loving one's neighbor better than oneself.

A report by Jim Carpenter got us up to date on Friends Community. It is the first community that has been awarded a HUD grant for its solar heating. Jim personally recommends to our Meeting the transfer of \$5000 funds for investment in Friends Community for construction, to facilitate completion of 160 units in the next two years. This matter was referred to the Finance Committee for their recommendation at Monthly Meeting next month.

Jessie Stratton presented her concern for having a Friends School in Hartford. What has been emerging in her informal talks with Meeting members over the past six months has been the idea of a small group of elementary school children meeting here in our meeting house. Jessie requests the Meeting's blessings upon and suggestions for further exploration of this possibility. The Meeting did give its blessing, and in addition a concern was expressed regarding the concept of elitism.

Regarding use of the meeting house by the Clamshell Alliance, James Gladding reported that it seems to have worked out well. He recommends that the arrangement be renewed, with some changes in the agreement. The Meeting of a temporary extension of the agreement lest it expire. A revised document for the ensuing year will be drawn up by the original committee and will be presented at the next monthly meeting. The original committee were: James Carpenter, James Gladding, Archie Meshenuk, Rosalind Spier, Henry Baechler, Ruth Wojan, Alice Cheney, and Tomadage Neece. James Gladding will be convener.

Judith Kahane told us that the Metropolitan Community Church of Hartford will install their new minister, Stephen Peters, this evening. The Meeting named Judith Kahane and Helen Brill as our representatives to attend this installation and bring greetings from our Meeting, and expression of interest. The Metropolitan Church is a local church organized with a special ministry to homosexual Christians.

After a period of silence, the Meeting adjourned at 1:10, purposing to meet again on the 14th day of Tenth Month, 1979.

Theodore Paullin

Theodore Paullin, Clerk

Sylvia M. Helfrick

Sylvia Helfrick, Recording Clerk

Minutes of
Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends
10/14/79

Meeting for Business, 10th Month, 14, 1979, of the Hartford Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends, was called by the Clerk at 11:25 a.m. in the Meeting House, West Hartford, CT. Thirty-seven Friends were present. The meeting opened with a period of silence.

Report of Ministry and Counsel was presented by Barbara Taylor:

- A. A joint meeting of Ministry and Counsel and Peace & Social Concerns Committee will be held November 4th with the purpose of fostering spiritual support for P & SC within the whole meeting.
- B. Meeting approved a recommendation that the membership of Charlene Shepard and George Shepard and junior member Michael Shepard be discontinued. The Shepards have not responded to inquiries. They presently reside in Maine.
- C. Meeting joyfully approved the hearty recommendation that James and Judith Gladding's request for membership, with son Seth recorded as a junior member, be approved. Elsa Cullen, Beatrice Coward and Barbara Taylor will extend our official welcome.

Clerk of Finance Committee, Paul Cullen, acting on a request from Meeting for a recommendation, reported that it was the clear sense of the finance committee that a two year loan of \$5000 from our general reserve funds, at an interest rate of 7% annually, be granted to Friends Community to accelerate the second phase of construction of the residences.

In discussion several statements asked that the loan be granted interest free, noting that the value of the interest which would be lost by Hartford Meeting would be, in effect, a contribution to the Friends Community. Ron Perrin stated his firm conviction that loans between/among Friends groups should not be considered as "commercial ventures" but in the light of faith in one another's integrity of purpose. Paul Cullen restated the recommendation of the eight finance committee members who were present at finance committee but not at Meeting for Business. It was noted that the Committee had discharged its duty in making the recommendation and that we were cognizant of the budget impact of an interest-free loan.

It was the sense of the Meeting that the loan of \$5000 for 2 years to Friends Community be granted without interest. The minute was approved.

Clerk of Finance Paul Cullen reported that the treasurer has received \$19,600 in contributions toward our current \$31,500 budget. This represents 62% received in 75% of the year. He urged a positive response to the need to receive contributions well before the end of the year.

Lucie Robinson and Peter Wood, heirs of Daphne Brown, have donated some 60 of her paintings to the Meeting, hoping they will find "good homes" among us. Mary Jane Carpenter suggested a "silent auction" on November 17. The sense of Meeting was that the date and method of distributing the art works be postponed until a committee explores several ideas. Elsa Cullen, Mary Jane Carpenter, Libby Butterworth, Helen Glenn and Ellen Paullin will serve as the committee, reporting back at a future Meeting for Business.

James Glad~~ding~~, Meeting liaison with the Clamshell Alliance, recommended that the original agreement with Clamshell Alliance to allow use of office space in the Meeting House, be extended to September 30, 1980 with several clauses added to cover the contingency of higher fuel costs, which the Alliance agrees to help meet, and to allow use of the large room downstairs on alternate Tuesday evenings in addition to office space. Meeting approved the new agreement with Clamshell Alliance. James Glad~~ding~~, Henry Baechler and Roz Spier continue as liaison committee.

Roz Spier, Clerk of Peace and Social Concerns, explained a proposal made by Judith Kahane concerning a fund-raising concert for Connecticut AFSC programs. The proposal was for a concert by Bob Genovesi on First Day, December 2, 1979 at 3:00 p.m. in the Meeting House. Expenses would be met through sale of 50 tickets at \$3.50; 70 tickets would net a \$70 profit; 200 tickets would net \$525 for AFSC.

Clerk Theodore Paullin reminded that Connecticut AFSC has no budget-- all funding is through the Boston Regional Office of AFSC with any funds raised here going to Boston for reallocation as they deem appropriate.

With the assurance that Bob Genovesi and his friends will handle all details of publicity, arrangement, etc., and that Meeting members will be responsible for selling tickets and will be the sponsors, the Meeting approved of sponsoring the concert. Roz Spier and James Glad~~ding~~ will be the Meeting Representatives on the committee for the concert.

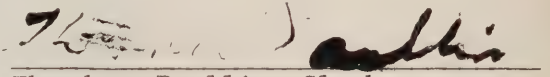
Action on a minute concerning affiliation with the Religious Coalition for Abortion Rights was delayed until a Meeting representative can attend a policy council meeting of the organization and tell us more about the coalition. It was suggested either Kiki Wolf or Helen Brill be asked to serve in this capacity.

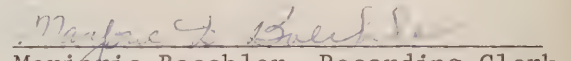
Robert Kearney, our faithful and extraordinarily capable custodian is resigning effective December 31, 1979. The Building and Grounds Committee (Tom Mangan and Archie Meshenuk, Clerks) seeks suggestions of anyone who might be hired for the custodian position.

The Clerk reported that a son, Theo Knuttel Rhodes, was born October 1, 1979 to Ankie Knuttel and David Rhodes. Also Constance Reik and Michael Herwood were

married in the Reik's home in Hartford on October 13, 1979 by Judge Robert Satter.

Meeting ended before the completion of the agenda because so few persons remained. After brief silence, we adjourned at 1:30 p.m. purporting to meet on November 11, 1979.


Theodore Paullin, Clerk


Marjorie Baechler, Recording Clerk
Pro-tem

Minutes of
Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends
11/11/79

The regular monthly meeting for business of the Society of Friends of Hartford was held on First day, November 11th, following the meeting for worship. Thirty-three were in attendance.

Following a period of silence, Ministry and Counsel presented its report. On the 18th and 25th of November, it will lead two Eleventh Hour discussions based on the State of Society report of last year. A retirement party for Bob Kearney is planned for December. Wilson and David Hawkes have asked that their membership be discontinued. The meeting approved. David Reik in reply to Ministry and Counsel inquiry has said that he wishes his Junior membership to be terminated at the age of twenty-five. Ministry and Counsel recommends that the request of Alethia and Ronald Perrin for membership in the meeting be accepted. The meeting approved. Ellen and Ted Paullin and Mary Jane and James Carpenter will welcome them into membership.

The Treasurer reported a total amount received of \$22,983 as of October 31st. This sum is toward a total budget of \$31,425.

Peace and Social Concerns Committee reported that on Monday, November 26th, the meeting will provide food for the Honor Court of Alcoholics Anonymous. Volunteers to help with food and hospitality are asked for. A concert is planned for the afternoon of December 2nd for the benefit of the AFSC. An update report on the infant formula issue concludes that the Nestle boycott should continue.

Several members called attention to the joint meeting of Ministry and Counsel held on November 4th. It proved to be a most helpful and constructive one leading to better communication and mutual support.

A letter was received from the Executive Council of New England Yearly Meeting Committee Day on April 26th. The meeting approved of responding favorably to this suggestion.

Plans for Quarterly Meeting in February were discussed. Philip Hallie author of "Lest Innocent Blood be Shed," will be the special guest. Members suggested that an afternoon meeting be scheduled to which outside visitors be invited. The suggestion met with general approval.

A letter from Powell House asked that our meeting consider using it for a weekend retreat May 16th to 18th, 1980. It was mentioned that Storrs Meeting might want to take advantage of this for the retreat it may be planning for Quarterly Meeting. Ruth Lilienthal and Jessie Stratton will constitute a committee to explore the possibilities of such a retreat either with the Quarterly Meeting or on our own.

A paper written by Hub Sinnock in which he described becoming a member of the meeting was read. Also, a letter from John Turtle was read thanking the members of the meeting for its contribution to the reconstruction of the meeting house at Hartford, England.

Elsa Cullen reported on the visit of the committee to welcome the Gladings to membership in the meeting. Mary Jane Carpenter mentioned the call of welcome she and others made on Nancy Mason.

The meeting notes the upcoming trip of the Paullin's to China and sends its best wishes with them and its greetings to our other members now teaching in Peking.

Then adjourned to meet next on First Day, December 9th.


Theodore Paullin, Clerk

Katherine Smedley, Recording Clerk
Pro-tem

Minutes of
Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends
11/25/79

A specially called meeting for business of the Hartford Monthly Meeting was held First day, November 25th, at the close of the meeting for worship. This meeting arose from the concern of Friends expressed the previous week for the safety of our hostages in Iran and for that of Iranian students in this country.

James Carpenter reported on a meeting held Monday evening, November 19th, to consider what Friends could do individually and as a group in case violence should break out in this country. The group had decided to urge individuals to write letters to the President, to Congressmen and to presidential candidates urging continued restraint. Don Noel volunteered to draft a letter to the Ayatollah Khomeini to be sent from this meeting.

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The letter which Don had accordingly drafted was read and met with strong approval from the meeting which directed that it be sent to the Ayatollah. A copy is attached. It was proposed that copies of this letter be sent to President Carter, to our two Senators and our Congressmen from Connecticut and to the Friends Journal. This was approved. Marge Baechler will contact the Friends World Committee for Consultation with respect to a similar letter.

Judith Kahane spoke of the list she is compiling of persons who have space available in their homes for Iranian students who may be in need of them. It was suggested that the Capitol Region Council of Churches be consulted regarding spaces available in other homes. Vernon Martin will convey this message.

Concern was expressed that a letter be sent to President Carter decrying the possible use of violence on the part of the United States. John Breasted will draft such a letter and present it for approval at another called meeting.

Then adjourned.

Paul Cullen

Paul Cullen, Acting Clerk

Acting Recording Clerk

Minutes of
Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends
12/2/79

A specially called meeting for business of the Hartford Monthly Meeting was held First day, December 2nd, at the close of the meeting for worship. The purpose of the meeting was to consider a letter which the called meeting of November 25th had directed John Breasted to prepare. This letter was to be sent by the meeting to President Carter deploring the threat of the use of force against Iran made by certain of our officials and expressing support for the President's efforts to procure the release of the hostages by peaceful means.

John Breasted read the letter which he had prepared. It received the approval from the meeting in general although it was felt that two points needed further emphasis: (1) more explicit support of the President's peaceful efforts to date and (2) a stronger statement expressing concern that no forceful measures be applied against Iran at any future time. John Breasted, Don Noel and John McConnell will constitute a committee to incorporate these suggestions and forward the letter to President Carter.

Then adjourned.

Paul Cullen

Paul Cullen, Acting Clerk

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Telephone: 232-3631

Eleventh month 25th, 1979

Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini
Qum, Iran

Dear Friend,

The Religious Society of Friends has for three hundred years opposed the use of violence and coercion. We believe human conflicts can be resolved in a spirit that appeals to that of God in all of us.

That conviction led many of us in this country, and in this Hartford Meeting, actively to oppose the ~~appressive~~ measures used in your country by the now-deposed Shah.

We are troubled to find his successors turning to violence and coercion. It is our deep belief that the end cannot justify the use of violent means. It is our fear that violence will beget more violence, and lead us all farther from true justice.

We urge you to use your influence to obtain the release of those now held hostage in the United States Embassy in Tehran; and to rely on the aroused opinion of right-thinking people the world over to arrive, without coercion, at a just conclusion and response to the wrongs that are now widely recognized.

Yours in peace,

Paul Allen
Acting Clerk

On behalf of the Hartford
Monthly Meeting of the
Religious Society of Friends

cc: President Jimmy Carter
Connecticut members of
Congress

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Twelfth month 2nd, 1979

President James E. Carter
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Friend,

A week ago, we sent you a copy of our letter to Ayatollah Khomeini, expressing dismay over the use of violence and coercion against United States hostages in Iran.

We deplore to him the oppressive measures reported to occur now in Iran, as we deplore the earlier repressive measures of the Shah.

As Friends, we view the use, or threatened use, of violence against people as a violation of the sanctity of human life, and a denial of the spark of divinity in each person. We are uneasy with the open and veiled threats, made in recent days by officials of our government, to use military force against Iran. We oppose proposals to take vengeance against Iran, either before or after the release of hostages there, or, in the worst case, regardless of their fate.

We emphasize to you, as we did to the Ayatollah, that violence begets violence, and that just ends do not justify violent means.

We support your desire, stated on the 24th of last month, "to see our hostages protected and released completely through peaceful means," and we acknowledge gratefully your leadership in restraining American passions over this matter. We would also support your work to keep peace with Iran after the present turmoil is passed.

Yours in peace,

Theodore Paullin

Theodore Paullin, Clerk

On behalf of the Hartford
Monthly Meeting of the
Religious Society of Friends

cc: Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini
Connecticut members of Congress

Acting Recording Clerk

Minutes of
Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends
12/9/79

The regular meeting for business of the Hartford Monthly Meeting was held on Firstday, December 9th, following the meeting for worship. Thirty-four were in attendance.

After a brief silence, the Clerk opened the meeting by reading a statement by A. Barrett Brown, "All Life Can Minister to the Spiritual," from the Discipline of New England Yearly Meeting.

Ministry and Counsel reported on several membership matters: (1) Martha Wojan has asked that her Junior membership be discontinued, (2) After having received no response to several letters written to Patricia McNeil, Ministry and Counsel recommends that her membership be terminated. The Meeting approved both of these changes.

In response to the expressions of a desire for a greater sense of community, Ministry and Counsel would like to support the idea of a meeting weekend at some future date. Ministry and Counsel also hopes that the members of the meeting continue the practice of not sending Christmas cards to each other. Instead, the money might be given to the AFSC in regard to the latter, money be channeled through the Capitol Region Conference of Churches.

The Treasurer reported that as of December 1st, the Meeting has received a total of \$24,233 leaving almost \$7,200 to be collected toward a total budget of \$31,425. Paul Cullen asked that clerks of committees and other persons with requests for next year's budget submit these before January 1st.

Peace and Social Concerns reported that the concert by Bob Genovese and his band on December 2nd raised approximatley \$275 for the Voluntown office of AFSC. Judith Kahane spoke to the situation of Iranian students in this area who are under considerable pressure. Meeting members were urged to give support in any way possible - for instance, by inviting students to their homes for a meal. It was suggested that individuals interested in so doing contact the International Student Adviser at the University of Hartford for suggestions as to names.

Ruth Lilienthal reported that Storrs Meeting feels Powell House is too expensive for a Quarterly Meeting retreat. Woolman Hill was mentioned as an alternative. The Meeting agreed that we should not accept the May date offered us by Powell House. Jessie Stratton and Ruth Lilienthal are willing to work on more definite plans for a meeting weekend.

Ellen Paullin reported on the welcoming visit paid by the Paullins and Carpenters to Ron and Alethea Perrin.

The Clerk read replies from Representatives Cotter and Dodd to the copies sent them of our letter to the Ayatollah Khomeini.

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Strong concern was expressed that we provide in our budget for a necessary heavy manual labor so that this does not have to fall perpetually on a few of our members.

After a period of worship, the Meeting adjourned to meet next on January 13th, 1980.

Theodore Paullin

Theodore Paullin, Clerk

Katherine Smedley, Recording
Clerk, Pro-tem

Minutes of
Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends
1/13/80

The meeting began with a brief interval of silence. Thirty-six persons were in attendance.

The report of Ministry and Counsel was given by Ruth Fitch. Membership is recommended for Virginia Vabalas, who has been attending meeting for several years. The meeting approved and appointed as visitors Henry and Marge Baechler and Francis and Sylvia Helfrick to make a welcoming call.

Talmadge and Edith Neece will be moving to New York City in March, and a special farewell party will be held here on Second Month 24.

John Bach and Sue Sivera are parents of a new baby born yesterday, First Month 12. Ruth Fitch will send a letter of caring from the meeting.

A "new little cygnet," Laurel Michelle Swan, has been born to Michael and Laurel Brill Swan on First Month 9.

Michell Bartlett has requested transfer of her membership to the meeting in Urbana, Illinois, where she has been living and working. The meeting approved of the transfer, and Barbara Taylor will write a letter to Michell.

The Treasurer's report was presented by Robert Brill, who read and discussed the Annual Report and Balance Sheet for the year 1979. We have come out well ahead on the budget for last year, because of a few unusual items of income plus careful spending by committees. A copy of the forthcoming budget will be made available in the meeting house. After some questions, answers and comments the meeting accepted the balance sheet with thanks and appreciation, particularly for the rapidity with which it was drawn up so soon after the end of the year. Robert Brill then gave us some information regarding the record of giving in the meeting by giving units.

HARTFORD MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS

Annual Report and balance sheet for calendar year 1979

NET ACCOUNTS

	Forward from '78	Budget	Income	Outgo	Forward to 1980
Cash on hand Jan.1, 1979	\$22701.05				
Late contributions and transfers			267.85	92.68	
Individual contributions		26825	27093.70		
Lobby box			15.30		
Use of building		2500	3245.00		
Interest on savings		1500	3315.02		
Woodbrooke		600	600.00		
		<u>31425</u>	<u>34536.87</u>		
Harriet Pulver Estate			48.23		
Memorial Contributions(Harvey, Hedges)			200.00	100.00	
Books and pamphlets			117.60	30.41	
Building and Grounds					
Custodian salary, soc.sec.& pension		6245		6245.24	
Additional custodial help		800		70.00	
Electricity		800		689.16	
Gas		1600		1475.49	
Water		70		118.92	
Insurance		1425		1449.33	
Consumable supplies		300		408.40	
Routine Maintenance		600		978.90	
Allocation for major repairs		2500		2500.00	
Furniture and fixtures		300		-	
Meeting's Operating Expense					
Treasurer's expense		35		30.65	
Telephone		200	24.42	189.09	
Postage		225	79.50	286.58	
Meeting notices in Quaker press		50		45.00	
Bulletin and secretarial(incl.Directory)		600	79.90	565.95	
Ministry and Counsel		200	2.00	71.34	
Clerk's discretionary fund		25		-	
Memberships					
New England Yearly Meeting		8300		8800.00	
Friends General Conference		650		650.00	
Education					
Eleventh Hour Committee		125		125.00	
First Day School		400		235.87	
Young Friends Committee		75		49.97	
Conference and committee attendance		200		135.00	
Library		250	109.60	89.82	
Individual and Family Enrichment		50		-	
Meeting Enrichment		250		-	
Quaker Corner Bookshop		50	26.00	160.15	
Social Concerns					
Peace and Social Concerns Committee		100	5.00	75.14	
Clothing Relief		75	25.00	-	
Sharing and Outreach					
Hospitality Committee		400	87.32	298.92	
Gifts		100	5.00	61.15	
Local Concerns		225		225.00	
Wider Quaker Concerns		4200		4200.00	
Contingency (Nominating Committee)				7.50	
	22701.05	<u>31425</u>	<u>35346.44</u>	<u>30460.66</u>	27586.83

Working Capital balance December 31, 1979 \$27586.83

NON BUDGET ACCOUNTS		Forward from '78	Income	Outgo	Forward to 1980
55	Loan to Friends Community			5000.00	(5000)
56	AFSC benefit concert		127.65	127.65	
57	African Student fund	1326.07	820.00	820.00	1326
58	Hertford, Eng.Meeting House Fund		733.55	723.55	10
59	Withheld taxes payable		634.40	634.40	
60	Deferred contributions	3.99	3610.65	2725.00	889
61	Cleaver Scholarship Fund(1grant8outstanding)	3803.21	5300.41	500.00	8603
62	Sharing Fund (5outstanding)	3977.26	30.00		4007
63	Specially designated Funds(Gilbert,Rich,Clapp)	436.56		7.70	428
64	Kearney pension fund	6134.27	2661.44		8795
65	Reserve for Major Repairs, Meeting House	4355.11	2500.00	55.00	6800
66	143 Maplewood operating fund	(3807.07)	2040.00	1343.95	(111)
67	151 Maplewood operating fund	2102.05	2105.00	1232.63	2974
68	Beautification Fund	4520.28	545.23	92.68	4972
69	Memorial Garden Fund	51.38	1.05		52
70	Greater Hartford Group Homes - equity	20000.00			20000
71	Friends Community - loan		5000.00		5000
72		42903.11	26109.38	13262.56	55749
73	Working Capital (from line 54				27586
74	Grand total				83336
75	December 31, 1979 bank balances:				
76	Conn.Bank & Trust Co.Bloomfield (check account)		1780.26		
77	Society for Savings " (general funds)		1024.44		
78	" " " " (Beautification)		568.69		
79	Conn.Savings & Loan (Cleaver Fund)		8603.62		
80	Manhattan Savings, New York (Kearney Pension)		2807.74		
81	Drydock Savings, " " " "		2243.18		
82	The Reserve Fund, New York-Meeting funds	33159.90			
83	Beautification	4404.14			
84	Kearney pens.	3744.79	41308.83		
85	Greater Hartford Group Homes - investment		20000.00		
86	Friends Community - loan		5000.00		
87			83336.76		

RECORD OF GIVING IN 1979
by giving units*

	Amount	Members	Junior members 18 and over	Attenders & Friends
89	\$1000 and up	3		
90	800 " "	1		
91	700 " "	2		
92	600 " "	4		
93	500 " "	7		1
94	400 " "	4		
95	300 " "	8		3
96	200 " "	17		2
97	100 " "	15		9
98	50 " "	10		13
99	under \$50	16	1	16
100	zero	49	29	
101	* a giving unit is a couple with or without children under 18 or a single over 18 with or without children			

When Monthly Meetings consist of more than one Meeting (Preparative, Particular, Allowed, Worship Group), each Meeting should fill out a blank for the Monthly Meeting. Each Monthly Meeting should make up its report from these Meeting reports, where more than one is involved; otherwise use only the column at the right of the page.

On the Quarterly Meeting form one column should be filled in for each constituent Monthly Meeting and totals given in the right hand column.

	Constituent Meetings						Total
1. Number of Members last year (12/31/1978),							238
2. Additions due to Omissions in last year's Report,							0
3. Additions by Birth or Request of Parents,							5
4. Additions by Request, including from another Denomination,							5
5. Additions by Certificate from another Friends Meeting,							6
6. Total Additions.							16
7. Loss due to Removal of Persons included by Error in last year's Report,							0
8. Loss by Death (list name and date on back of form),							0
9. Loss by Discontinuance, Resignation, or Disownment,							16
10. Loss by Transfer to another Friends Meeting,							4
11. Loss by Letter to another Denomination,							0
12. Total Loss.							20
13. Number of Members this year (12/31/1979).							234
14. Net Gain, or							0
15. Net Loss.							4
16. Number of Males,							94
17. Number of Females,							140
18. Number under 25 years of age,							64
19. Number over 65 years of age,							43
20. Number of Junior Members,							65
21. Number of Junior Members Transferred to Active Membership,							1
22. Number of Resident Members, ¹							160
23. Number of Non-Resident Members,							74
24. Average Attendance at Sunday Worship (estimate), ²							76
25. Number of Sojourning & Affiliated Members,							0
26. Number Participating in Sunday Classes or Discussions, ³							71
27. Number of Meetings held Regularly on Weekdays, ⁴							5
28. Number of Members attending Friends' Schools and Colleges. ⁵							3

Friends Schools : Pendle Hill - Patricia Loring
Friends World College -
Margaret Brechler
Lisa Hardiman

Average attendance at Meeting for Business - 35

Married during 1979:

Elizabeth Chapin - Vernon Martin (under care of Meet

Anne (Kiki) Wolf - Douglas Eglinton (" " "

Donald Nick - Margaret Smith (" " "

Richard Boulton - Virginia Mc Namara

Christopher Hardiman - Pamela Ann Thibodeau

Recorder or Clerk
Newell Bayles, Recorder
Approved in writing for
Business 1/13/80
1. Resident Members -- those living within commuting distance.
2. Include those present for part of the time of worship.
3. Adults, children, teachers, leaders.
4. Meetings for worship, discussion, youth group, etc. One such group, meeting regularly at least half of the year, counts as "1." May describe on back of form.
5. Please list schools on back.
Prove your figures by adding number of Males and Females which should give total number of Members; also by adding Resident and Non-Resident Members.
The Monthly Meeting Recorder should keep a copy of these Statistics;
The Monthly Meeting Clerk should keep a copy of these Statistics with the Minutes;
A copy of these Statistics should be sent to the Quarterly Meeting Clerk;
A copy of these Statistics should be sent to the Yearly Meeting Office, The Maine Idyll, Freeport, ME 04032, by May 1, 1980.
The Quarterly Meeting Clerk should keep a copy of the Quarterly Meeting Statistics with the Minutes; and send one copy to the Yearly Meeting Office, The Maine Idyll, Freeport, ME 04032, by May 1, 1980.

With the loss of Talmadge Neece from the nominating committee, an appointment to complete his two-year term on the nominating committee. Richard Stratton was nominated and gratefully approved, and he accepted.

Quarterly Meeting will be held here at our meeting house on Second Month 3. The meeting appointed as our representatives Helen Glynn, Nancy Mason, Amy Hathaway, and Karen Fitch.

Wendell Clepper gave the annual report of the recorder. Membership is now 234, which is 4 fewer than one year ago. The report was accepted, again with much appreciation.

Jim Carpenter reported for maintenance that one of our furnaces has been condemned by the gas company and will probably have to be replaced.

The meeting agreed to have no fellowship luncheon on First Month 27 because of Quarterly meeting on Second Month 3.

Mary Forman reported on plans of the Eleventh Hour committee, including announcement of a meeting here on China, on First Month 31, with pictures, potluck, and discussions by our returned travellers, Pat Ritter and Ted and Ellen Paullin.

After a brief silence, meeting adjourned, purposing to meet again on Second Month 10, 1980.

Theodore Paullin

Theodore Paullin, Clerk

Sylvia M. Helfrick

Sylvia Helfrick, Recording Clerk

Minutes of
Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends
2/10/80

The meeting began with a few minutes of silent worship. Thirty-four persons were present.

John McConnell reported for Ministry and Counsel. He stated that congressmen hear very little from constituents regarding peace matters. Corporate and individual endeavor to make our opinions known to congressmen is urged.

Ministry and Counsel has considered and approved three transfers of membership, so they were brought up for meeting action. First was Lawrence Cargill, who lives in Manchester and has requested transfer from Providence Meeting. The meeting approved, expecting receipt of a communication from Providence Meeting. Rosalind Spier, Virginia Datto, and Sylvia Helfrick will make a welcoming visit.

Esther Wheeler has requested transfer from Hartford to Litchfield Hills Meeting (New name for Watertown Meeting). The meeting approved of this transfer.

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Mary DesRosiers requested transfer of membership from Hartford Meeting to Monadnock Meeting, where she has been active since leaving the Hartford area. The Meeting approved.

Report of the auditor, Fazli Dato, was read by the clerk. The accounts have been found to be in order. The clerk announced that January income has been the lowest for that month in six years.

The clerk reported that a contribution has been given to our treasurer to be sent to Woodbrooke College in England. Our treasurer has cashed the check but has not yet sent on the money to Woodbrooke. The current question is: Should the treasurer of Hartford Monthly Meeting serve as liaison for receiving and sending contributions to Woodbrooke? There is no question that we can legally give contributions to a Quaker body in another country. Among other churches such arrangements are commonly made. It is important for a struggling group like Woodbrooke to have all the support possible. There is a chance that enough contributions might be sent to our treasurer to constitute a burden in handling. In that eventuality we could try to locate another body to handle such contributions. The meeting approved of sending contributed money to Woodbrooke.

Copies of the proposed 1980 budget were distributed, and an item by item discussion was led by Paul Cullen of the Finance Committee. After lengthy consideration, the meeting approved the budget essentially as printed with a few small adjustments. We have to raise about the same in individual contributions in 1980 as in 1979, and we would hope to increase the percentage of givers above the present 60 percent of potential giving units. We recognize that there is going to be a call for enormous effort this year, and we may need to rebudget at some time during the year.

The meeting authorized Archie Meshenuk to write a letter to the Nursery School confirming the financial arrangements which have just been worked out.

Ruth Wojan reported for the nominating committee. Forms were distributed on which we are to indicate our preferred mode of activity for the meeting. James Reik was recommended to the Board of Greater Hartford Group Homes and the meeting approved. The meeting approved also of the appointment of Henry Baechler to the Meeting on Ministry and Counsel to replace Talmadge Neece.

Lisa Paullin reported on Quarterly Meeting Young Friends. In Lisa's experience there are very few other young people who are aware of draft issues and not opportunity in schools to show films or display posters which give information about conscientious objection to military service. We have a job to do in education and support of young people regarding draft registration issues. The clerk has already received cards from four young persons requesting that the meeting make record of their conscientious objection to serving in the military.

Helen Glenn reported on Quarterly Meeting. A statement on the draft was agreed upon, to be sent to congressmen from Mass. and Conn. Hartford Meeting affirmed today the statement adopted by Quarterly Meeting last week and agreed to send it to local newspapers.

Marge Baechler reported that she and Henry Baechler and Sylvia Helfrick made a welcoming call last week at the home of our new member, Virginia Vabalas.

Kiki Eglinton read a statement which included some information about the Religious Coalition for Abortion Rights. The meeting approved of accepting membership in this coalition, which would mean that our name would be included on their letterhead. M. J. Erb was appointed as our representative. The minute of acceptance of membership reads thus: In View of the adoption by Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends of a Minute of September 14, 1978, in which the meeting opposed "any attempt to make abortion illegal," the meeting now approves its becoming a participating and active member of the Religious Coalition for Abortion Rights in Connecticut, with the right to select a representative to the Policy Council of that organization.

James Carpenter reported that ten portable school buildings will soon be up for bid at an unexpectedly favorable price. Jim would like us as a meeting to join Hartford College and Trinity College in bidding \$200 for all ten of these school units. They could be stored in North Canton. The meeting approved.

The clerk was authorized to write to Laurie and Lucia Barber to welcome them at their new post at Friends Community in North Easton.

The issue of our currently meeting for business on First Day following the rise of meeting for worship was briefly discussed.

The meeting closed after a brief moment of silence, purposing to meet again on Third Month 9, 1980.

Theodore Paullin
Theodore Paullin, Clerk

Sylvia M. Helfrick
Sylvia Helfrick, Recording Clerk

Minutes of
Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends
3/9/80

The meeting was opened with a period of silence and with the reading by the Acting Clerk, Paul Cullen, of a paragraph from London Yearly Meeting reminding us not to be held back by the magnitude of problems nor by a sense of our own unworthiness. Forty-three persons were present.

John McConnell presented the report of Ministry and Counsel. William and Janet Austin have requested release of membership, as they have moved to Washington, D.C., and do not wish to continue in the Society of Friends at this time. The meeting approved of this release.

George Boobyer is giving the Rufus Jones Lecture in Phila. this year on

the topic: "Are the Scriptures still precious?" He will be stopping here at our meeting house under auspices of the Friends World Committee on the afternoon of Saturday, May 3, for a lunch followed by a talk on the above topic of his Rufus Jones Lecture.

Paul Cullen, Acting Clerk, read the Treasurer's report at the request of Robert Brill. Our treasurer has great concern that receipts for the first two months of 1980 have been only half of the income of the corresponding two months of 1979, and intention slips so far show a decrease over last year. Meanwhile, our bills are increasing. James Carpenter's offer of firewood to individuals in exchange for appropriate contributions to the meeting was met with expressions of gratitude. Several proposals were made for increasing personal responsibility for giving and for more economical use of meeting facilities.

Peace and Social Concerns presented a preliminary draft of a statement by Hartford Friends Meeting concerning conscientious objection to the military draft and concerning refusal of war taxes. After some discussion, the meeting approved the statement as presented and thus adopted it as the official statement of our meeting.

Training for draft counsellors will begin on April 1, led by John Judge under the auspices of the Central Committee for Conscientious Objectors. Counseling will be available at the meeting house on a drop-in basis.

Laurel McConnell, in speaking about First-Day School, read some excerpts from a report that had been written by Mary Jane Carpenter back in 1958 and that seems still appropriate today. First Day School wants to purchase additional books for their use. More teachers and volunteers are needed. Laurel told us with unusual sensitivity of this year's First Day School activities. Expressions of thanks were made for the work of the First Day School Committee. Further consideration of First Day School concerns was referred to Ministry and Counsel.

Sylvia Helfrick spoke of her concern about our action of last business meeting in becoming members of the Religious Coalition for Abortion Rights in Connecticut - as perhaps being hasty, since there was little discussion and she does not know enough about what they do and how they do it. The meeting approved of letting those who have interest in and/or misgivings about our membership find out more about this group and bring up the subject again at the next business meeting if they wish further consideration.

Mary Jane Carpenter reported that Daphne Brown's paintings will be on display a few at a time with the purpose of our getting acquainted with them. On June 14 and 15, all will be displayed and persons may choose, in order by lot, one they would wish to own. Donations to the Meeting, if individuals would so desire, would be acceptable.

James Gladding spoke of the concern of the Clamshell Alliance. In becoming incorporated as Capitol Region Energy and Environment Center, it will be necessary according to Connecticut statutes, to name another non-profit organization as the receiver of assets in the event of future dissolution of C.R.E.E.C. The meeting approved of our being so named as potential receiver.

Henry Baechler reported that there is a new Committee on Sufferings of N.E. Yearly Meeting because of increased needs secondary to increased vigils, witness, civil disobedience, and peace witness. An appeal will go out this spring to all meetings in N.E. for substantial contribution to the Fund for Sufferings, Treasurer Robert Brill.

HARTFORD MONTHLY MEETING
Appointments & Committees
June 1, 1980 to May 31, 1981

<u>Clerk:</u> Theodore Paullin	<u>Treasurer:</u> Richard Stratton
<u>Asst. Clerk:</u> Paul Cullen	<u>Auditor:</u> Fazli Datoo
<u>Asst. Clerk:</u> M. J. Erb	<u>Recorder:</u> Wendell Clepper
<u>Recording Clerk:</u> Sylvia Helfrick	<u>Archivist:</u> Theodore Paullin

MEETING ON MINISTRY AND COUNSEL:

<u>One Year</u>	<u>Two Years</u>	<u>Three Years</u>
Henry Baechler	Ruth Fitch	Beatrice Coward
Helen Brill	James Reik	James Glading
John McConnell	Jessie Stratton	Nancy Mason
Member Emeritus: Margaret Morrison		

REPRESENTATIVES TO

YEARLY MEETING	FINANCE COMMITTEE:	Robert Brill
"	MINISTRY & COUNSEL:	Helen Brill
"	NOMINATING COMM.	Henry Baechler
"	PEACE & SOCIAL CONCERNS:	Beatrice Coward
"	HINGHAM HOME:	Alice Cheney

QUARTERLY MEETING NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Francis Helfrick
CHURCH WOMEN UNITED: Virginia Costales

CAPITOL REGION CONF. OF CHURCHES: Vernon Martin; Alternate: Wendell Clepper

COMMITTEE OF CONCERN FOR OLDER FRIENDS: Elsa Cullen, Clerk. Nancy Alexander, Maggie Bierwirth, Helen Brill, Alice Cheney, Jeanne Clepper, Kiki Eglinton, Barbara Gibson, Francis Helfrick, Virginia Vabalas, Bernard Wojan..

FINANCE COMMITTEE: John McConnell & Ruth Fitch, Co-clerks. Henry Baechler, Robert Brill, James Carpenter, Wendell Clepper, Paul Cullen, Mary Forman, Bruce Loudon, Richard Murray, Arthur Wolf.

FIRST DAY SCHOOL: Laurel McConnell, Clerk. Liesse Brayfield, Maris Brayfield, John Breasted, Marion Cushman, Karen Fitch, Kim Klitgaard, Ankie Knuttel, David Rhodes.

YOUNG FRIENDS: Virginia Datoo, Clerk. Liesse Brayfield, Betty Chapin, Karen Fitch, Amy Hathaway, Dorothy Meshenuk, Gerda Wallach.

QUAKER SMORGASBORD COORDINATOR: Jessie Stratton.

ELEVENTH HOUR: Judith Kahane & Don Noel, Co-clerks. Nancy Alexander, Mary Forman, Dorothy Lombardi, Nancy Mason, Cynthia Reik, Karen Will.

LIBRARY: Vernon Martin, Clerk. Henry Baechler, Frances DeCou, Grace Fogg, Virginia Hicks, Toos Knuttel, Andrew Linn, Emily Schuder, Gertrude Torry, Nicholas Triffin, Frances Zane.

INDIVIDUAL & FAMILY ENRICHMENT: Barbara Gibson & Judith Glading, Co-clerks. Henry Baechler, William Chasse, Elsa Cullen, Helen Glenn, Mabel Jasut, Ruth Lilienthal, Nancy Mason, Lisa Paulin.

QUAKER LANE NURSERY SCHOOL LIAISON: Vincent McCarthy.

CONFERENCE ENCOURAGER: M. J. Erb.

BUILDING & GROUNDS: Archie Meshenuk & Thomas Mangan, Co-clerks. Robert Brill, Larry Cargill, James Carpenter, John Day, Lenora Grizzell, Francis Helfrick, Arend-Jan Knuttel.

MAINTENANCE: James Carpenter & James Glading, Co-clerks. Robert Brill, Thomas Mangan.

BUILDING USE: Ruth Wojan & Judith Glading.

MAPLEWOOD PROPERTIES: Archie Meshenuk, Convenor. Henry Baechler, Lilienthal, John McConnell.

MAILING LIST: Sally Morrison & Aileen Henningsen.

TELEPHONE INFORMATION LINE: Ruth Wojan

BULLETIN: Marjorie Baechler, Editor. Ruth, Karen & Eric Fitch, M. Laurel Mangan.

HOSPITALITY: Ruth Lilienthal & Aileen Henningsen, Co-clerks. Robert Brill, Larry Cargill, Barbara Gibson, Petrona Jones, Martha Klitgaard, Brad Noel, Ronald & Aletheia Perrin.

MEMORIAL COMMITTEE: Arthur Wolf, Clerk. Helen Brill, Paul Cullen, Judith Kahane.

USHERS: Bill Brayfield & Sally Morrison, Co-clerks. Larry Cargill, Alice Cheney, Hall & Marion Cushman, Karen Fitch, Amy Hathaway, Petrona Jones, Thomas & Laurel Mangan, Archie & Dorothy Meshenuk, Susan Newcomer, Ellen Paullin, Cynthia Reik.

PEACE & SOCIAL CONCERNS: Beatrice Coward & Emily Schuder, Co-clerk. Nancy Alexander, Charles Ambler, Marjorie Baechler, Maggie Bier, John Breasted, Helen Brill, Mary Jane Carpenter, William Chasse, Jeanne Clepper, Virginia Costales, M.J. Erb, Valeska Ginouves, Judith Kahane, Martha Klitgaard, Lisa Paulin, Rich Sivel, Rosalind Spier, Bernard Wojan.

AFSC: Judith Kahane

FCNL: Marjorie Baechler

CLOTHING RELIEF: Alice Cheney, Convenor. Robert Brill, Amy Hathaway, Mabel Jasut, Doris Nowak.

CLAMSHELL ALLIANCE: James Glading.

CONNECTICUT FRIENDS COUNCIL: Henry Baechler & Judith Glading.

FOOD PANTRY: Archie Meshenuk

MANTLE ARRANGEMENT: Marion Cushman, Toos Knuttel.

BEAUTIFICATION: Mary Jane Carpenter, Elsa Cullen, Frank Helfrick, Ellen Paullin, Kiki Eglinton.

COORDINATOR OF WOMENS' GROUP: Mary Jane Carpenter.

CLEAVER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND: Theodore Paullin & Patricia Ritter.

GREATER HARTFORD GROUP HOMES: James Reik; Alternate: Jeanne Clepper.

WEST HARTFORD FELLOWSHIP HOUSING: Alice Cheney & Virginia Costales.

HOUSEKEEPING COMMITTEE: Virginia Dato, Clerk. Barbara Gibson, Rosalind Spier.

(MEMBERS AVAILABLE FOR SPECIAL NEEDS): Clotean Brayfield, Robert Brill, Janet Brown, Barbara Reid, Paul Reuter, Barbara Taylor, George Wallach, Salley Sawyer.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

One Year

Richard Stratton

Two Years

Virginia Dato

Three Years

Robert Brill

Jeanne Clepper informs us that Connecticut Friends Council, which was originally formed to exchange friends' concerns in connection with Connecticut legislation, is changing its particular emphasis. The Council has recently decided to meet for fellowship several times a year, and to plan for a gathering of all Connecticut Friends Meetings this summer.

Elsa Cullen said that Tom Bodine requests special hosting of a friend, Bernice Cole, from New Zealand, for three days beginning May 20.

Paul Cullen

Paul Cullen, Acting Clerk

Sylvia M. Helfrick

Sylvia Helfrick, Recording Clerk

Minutes of
Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends
Fourth Month 13, 1980

Hartford Monthly Meeting was called to order after a period of silent worship, at 11:30 A.M. on the 13th day of fourth month, 1980. 38 persons were present.

Ruth Wojan gave a preliminary report of the nominating committee. A vacancy exists for a three year term on that committee. A revised list will be considered at monthly meeting in May.

Helen Brill reported that Margaret Morrison has had to resign from the meeting on Ministry and Counsel.

Elizabeth Young's request for a sojourning membership in the Plainfield, New Jersey, Meeting was approved.

Seeker sessions will be held on the first Sunday of each month after Meeting for Worship, beginning in May.

It was noted that Friends General Conference will be held from June 28 to July 5, in Ithaca, N.Y.

The request of John and Barbara Brainerd of Springfield, Mass., to withdraw from membership in Hartford Meeting was approved.

Lawrence Cargill was welcomed to membership in Hartford Meeting.

Marjorie Baechler, Beatrice Coward, and Helen Brill were appointed as representatives to Quarterly Meeting at Storrs on a date in May or June, not yet set.

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New England Yearly Meeting Committee Day will be held at Hartford Meeting on April 26. Ruth Fitch, Marjorie Baechler, and Ron and Aletheia Perrin volunteered to help with hospitality on that day.

Beatrice Coward presented a request of the Committee on Sufferings of New England Yearly Meeting for money. The Committee on Sufferings was established in 1978 "to lend spiritual and moral support to Friends who may suffer because of their faithfulness to our testimonies." The committee has no regular budget. It requests \$6,000 to restore a working balance and to support the witness of Carol and Dick Proescher of Storrs Meeting. Members of Hartford Meeting should send contributions to the treasurer of the Monthly Meeting earmarked for the Committee on Sufferings, and he will send a single check to the Yearly Meeting Committee.

John Breasted, Beatrice Coward, and Judy Glading presented some of the findings of the New Call to Peacemaking Conference held in Lenox, Mass., on March 21 to 23. The New Call Regional Conference, sponsored by New England and New York Yearly Meetings, recommended that each church or meeting "should become a center for peacemaking."

Roz Spier presented plans for April 26 demonstrations: one in Washington, D.C., for a non-nuclear world, and one in Groton, CT, for a vigil at the keel-laying of the second Trident submarine.

The Quaker Lane Nursery School's financial relations with the Meeting were discussed. Paul Cullen reviewed the Finance Committee's struggle to assess a possible subsidy to the school by the Meeting. There was extensive discussion of the size of the possible subsidy, of the worthiness of the object of that subsidy, and of the Meeting's feeling of obligation to provide service to the neighborhood of the meeting house. A committee was appointed to study philosophical and financial considerations surrounding this issue. Mary Forman, Vincent McCarthy, Judy Glading, the liaison person with the nursery school, Marion Cushman, and the incoming clerks of the Finance, Management, and Building and Grounds Committees will serve on the committee, with the clerk of Buildings and Grounds to be convenor. The committee is to report by October, 1980, to the Meeting.

Theodore Paullin, Clerk

John Breasted, Assistant Recording Clerk

Minutes of
Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends
Fifth Month 11, 1980

Hartford Friends gathered in a regular Meeting for Business on Fifth Month 11, 1980. The meeting began with a few quiet minutes during which the Clerk read a passage written by Isaac Penington in 1667, about honoring the

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variety of talents in a Friends Meeting. Twenty-six persons were present.

Laurel McConnell on behalf of John McConnell reported for Ministry and Counsel. Attendance at Fellowship Luncheons has been very low lately. A recent Seekers' Session after Meeting for Worship was successful and will be held each month.

Following the rise of Meeting for Worship on May 25, there will be a short planning session for First Day School activities next year. The annual picnic is on our schedule for June 22. Conn. Friends Council will meet here at the meeting house that day.

A Certificate of Removal of Membership has been sent to the Clerk from the Clerk of Lansdowne Meeting on behalf of John L. McConnell, Laurel Fields McConnell, and their two children, Cheney Lynn McConnell and Ian McConnell. With the approval of Ministry and Counsel, the Monthly Meeting warmly accepted these four persons into membership in Hartford Monthly Meeting. The two children will be junior members. Jeanne Clepper, Wendell Clepper, and Judith Glading were appointed as visitors.

Connecticut Valley Quarterly Meeting will be held at Storrs Meeting on Fifth Month 31 and Sixth Month 1. Two (only two) representatives from Ministry and Counsel are invited to attend Quarterly Meeting Ministry and Counsel on Fifth Month 31. The Meeting approved of leaving the matter of who represents us in the hands of John McConnell. Henry Baechler will replace Beatrice Coward as representative to Quarterly Meeting. Bill Slivinsky, Larry Cargill, and Virginia Vabalas were also appointed Quarterly Meeting representatives.

A group in which there were young parents present expressed a wish that a special Meeting for Worship, or a special time, or some other way be thought of to devote to "blessing" our new babies. Various members responded and the matter was referred to Ministry and Counsel.

Several Friends expressed a need for Quarterly Meetings to be held on regular pre-published dates and not changed at the last minute.

The issue of holding Business Meetings on First Days following Rise of Meeting for Worship versus changing back to a weekday evening was discussed. The Meeting decided to change back to a weekday evening. This will be published in the Bulletin, and final decision as to which weekday evening will be made at the next Meeting for Business.

Ruth Wojan presented the annual report of the Nominating Committee. After much discussion the report was accepted.

The Meeting herewith Minutes our great appreciation for the hours and years of work of our retiring treasurer, Robert Brill.

Robert Brill was approved as the new three-year member of the Nominating Committee.

Two to five representatives must be appointed to New England Yearly Meeting on Eighth Month 11 to 16. These appointments will be made at the next Meeting for Business.

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Receipts in Fourth Month were the lowest in seven years, and cumulative 1980 receipts through the end of Fourth Month were the lowest in three years.

Mary Forman was named as the convener of the Quaker Lane Cooperative Nursery School Ad Hoc Committee.

Beatrice Coward reported for Peace and Social Concerns. A workshop by the New Call to Peacemaking will be held in our meeting house on Sixth Month 20-22. Draft counselling is continuing successfully. Fourteen young people of our Meeting have signed cards as conscientious objectors.

The Meeting discussed the questionnaire distributed by Young Friends last week. Wendell Clepper has been appointed to write an Epistle to our Young Friends, expressing our appreciation of their drawing our attention to these questions concerning the extent to which Quakerism is a part of our daily lives.

The Meeting for Business was closed with a period of silence, purposing to meet again at the regular time on Sixth Month 8 following the Rise of Meeting.

Theodore Paullin, Clerk

Sylvia M. Helfrick

 Sylvia M. Helfrick, Recording Clerk

Minutes of
 Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends
 Sixth Month 8, 1980

The Clerk convened Monthly Meeting for Business of the Hartford Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends at 11:30 a.m. Sixth Month 8, 1980, in the Meetinghouse in West Hartford. There were 30 Friends present. Clerk read a suggested revised query on "Meeting Community".

Jessie Stratton, who has been appointed Clerk of Ministry and Counsel to succeed John McConnell, reported for Meeting on Ministry and Counsel:

- A. Helen Brill continues to serve as M & C Recording Clerk.
- B. Seeker Sessions will be suspended until October.
- C. An All-Meeting Retreat is planned for September 19-21 at Woolman Hill, MA
- D. Young Friends graduating from high school will receive gift subscriptions to Friends Journal and 10-year-old Juniors will be presented with Bibles.

Elizabeth Young has been accepted as a sojourning member of Rahway-Plainfield NJ, Monthly Meeting.

Monthly Meeting for Business, starting in September, 1980, will be convened on the third Thursday evening of the month with the first Meeting scheduled for September 18.

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Robert Brill, retiring Treasurer, reported that the influx of current contributions has improved our cash flow for the immediate future. Robert Brill was named as an alternate signer for all bank accounts with the adoption of the following resolution:

"At a regular meeting of the Hartford Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends held on June 8, 1980, Richard A. Stratton was appointed Treasurer, to serve until a successor is appointed. He is authorized to open and close bank accounts in the name of the Meeting as needed. Robert Brill was named as an alternate signer, individually, for all bank accounts until a successor is appointed. Signed: Theodore Paullin, Clerk; Marjorie Baechler, Recording Clerk."

Representatives appointed to the 1980 session of New England Yearly Meeting are: Henry Baechler; Robert Brill; James Glading; Helen Glen; a Young Friend to be designated by the Clerk.

Helen Brill reported on session of Connecticut Valley Quarterly Meeting held at Storrs on May 31 - June 1, 1980:

- A. Ruth Woodbridge, Mt. Toby, was appointed Clerk of the Quarter.
- B. Meeting on Ministry & Counsel of CVQM, with 11 Friends representing four Monthly Meetings, recommended the following to CVQM, which recommendations were acted on as noted at the Meeting for Business on June 1:
 - 1. APPROVED recommendation that Ministry & Counsel will meet only on Call of the Clerk or by request of a Monthly Meeting. The Clerks of M & C will be appointed ad hoc for each such session.
 - 2. APPROVED flexibility in scheduling the location of Quarterly Meeting sessions, but a firm scheduling in advance of the specific dates of each sessions: i.e. October 18, 1980, at Worcester-Pleasant St.; February 1, 1981, at Hartford; May 17, 1981, at Litchfield Hills. Smaller Meetings will assist one another with children's programs, etc.
 - 3. APPROVED discontinuing writing State of Quarter reports.
 - 4. Constituent Monthly Meetings in the Quarter are asked to consider their willingness to support a CVQ Young Friends Secretary to assist the NEYM YF Secretary. Further discussion will take place at the Fall, 1980, Quarterly Meeting.
- C. Hartford Friends decided to discuss recommendation 4 above, concerning appointment of a YF Secretary for the Quarter, at our September, 1980, Meeting for Business, with our suggestions to be presented at the October Quarterly Meeting.

We authorized the Treasurer, after consultation with Storrs Olds, Clerk of Meeting School at Rindge, NH, to lend up to \$2,500 to the Meeting School, interest free, for a short term ending September 30, 1980, at which time it is expected current tuition payments will be available.

Rosalind Spier presented a report of Peace & Social Concerns Committee:

- A. A Tag Sale to benefit American Friends Service Committee Connecticut Programs will be held in New London on July 12 and donations of salable items are to be left in our Meeting House, marked for the Tag Sale.
- B. We minute special appreciation to Betty Chapin and Vernon Martin for coordinating our Draft Counseling Center activities. The Center will continue to offer drop-in counseling during June, from 1-3 on Firstday

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- afternoons. A decision on whether to continue will be made following final Congressional action on registration and draft.
- C. Vernon Martin, Henry Baechler, James Glading and John Toomey attended a draft counselor training session at Storrs on June 4. Further sessions are planned for June 11 in Woodbury, June 26 in Hartford and June 27 in New Haven.
 - D. Vernon Martin reported that the National Peace Committee of American Friends Service Committee has issued a statement to be considered at the June 20-21 meeting of the National Board of AFSC which reads: "AFSC pledges its support to those young men and young women who conscientiously refuse to be drafted or to be registered." The War Resisters League statement encourages counselors to "aid, abet and support draft resisters. In discussion it was agreed that both the Draft Counselors Group and the Peace & Social Concerns Committee should prepare written statements of our intent in assisting young people on draft and registration. The Counselors offer advice on the options available and do not urge a young person to take any specific action (although, by our very act of maintaining a draft counseling center we show our support of seeking alternatives to draft/registration.) The P&SC Statement will suggest a Meeting position on supporting resisters. The Clerk stands ready to call a special Meeting for Business on request of either of these groups.
 - E. "What to do next?" -- The Greater Hartford Coalition Against Registration & Draft is prepared to call a public meeting at 7:30 in the Meeting House on an evening immediately following final action by Congress on draft legislation.
 - F. A Vigil is being maintained every Friday from Noon-2 p.m. in front of the Central Post Office, State St., Hartford, by GHCARD.
 - G. The request from New Call to Peacemaking that we consider helping support a Friend seeking release in order to do peace work seemed too nebulous with no specific proposal in hand. It was suggested that we advise New Call that we reaffirm our historic readiness to respond to individuals who seek Meeting help in freeing themselves from their jobs to embark on peace work. A New Call workshop in "communicating with our neighbors" will be held in Hartford, June 20-22. Meeting expressed no objection to having delegates canvass the immediate neighborhood of the Meetinghouse for public opinion on peace issues.

The Clerk has received suggested New Queries for a Revision of the Yearly Meeting Discipline for review by our Meeting. Copies will be circulated to those who will be attending Yearly Meeting Sessions this year, a copy is on the Bulletin Board, and the Clerk of Ministry & Counsel has a copy. After Yearly Meeting sessions we will publish suggested queries in the Bulletin prior to the scheduling of a discussion (possibly at Eleventh Hour).

Adults seeking Equalization Fund assistance to attend Yearly Meeting must write directly to the NEYM Equalization Committee; requests from Young Friends are to be made to Clerk of Monthly Meeting. A sign-up sheet for Transportation to Friends General Conference is on the Bulletin Board in the Library.

The Eleventh Hour Committee Co-chairman asked guidance in planning the Fall schedule. It was agreed:

- A. Fellowship Luncheons on the Second Sunday of each month with Seeker Sessions and "Social Hour" preceding luncheon.
- B. Eleventh Hours on First, Third, Fourth & Fifth Firstdays.
- C. The Committee was commended for a very good year of programs in 1979-80.

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Wendell Clepper's suggestion for recognition for our new Custodian's excellent work was approved. He and his family will be invited to our picnic, as will former custodians Vi and Bob Kearney.

Nancy Alexander's ideas for a presentation to the public expressing in some dramatic form our historic stand on peace was considered, and she was encouraged to plan such an event. One Friend said Mark Twain's War Prayer "is not appropriate" for inclusion.

Meeting adjourned in silence purporting to meet on September 18, 1980, at 7:30 p.m. in the Meetinghouse.

Theodore Paullin, Clerk

Marjorie F. Baechler
 Marjorie Baechler, Recorder pro tem

Minutes of Called Meeting
 Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends
 Seventh Month 6, 1980

A special Meeting for Business of the Hartford Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends was convened at the call of the Clerk at 11:15 a.m., First Day, 6 July, 1980. The special Meeting was called to consider the request of Emily Schuder and William Chasse to be married under care of the Meeting.

A Committee for Clearness, including members of Ministry & Counsel, was appointed to meet with Emily and William. Laurel and John McConnell, Ruth Fitch and Moses Bailey will serve as approved.

A special Called Meeting will be held on July 27, 1980, to consider the report of the Committee for Clearness.

A sense of urgency at the Friends General Conference Gathering at Ithaca College, June 28 to July 5, 1980, led to the decision that constituent Monthly and Yearly Meetings be asked to support the effort to have a presence at U.S. Post Offices throughout the nation during the period when Registration for the Draft will take place starting on July 21, 1980. Meeting approved supporting this effort.

Meeting adjourned purposing to convene at 11:15 a.m., July 27, 1980.

Theodore Paullin, Clerk

Marjorie F. Baechler
 Marjorie Baechler, Recording Clerk

Minutes of Called Meeting
Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends
Seventh Month 27, 1980

Clerk Theodore Paullin convened the meeting at 11:15 a.m. following Meeting for Worship. 24 Friends and attenders were present.

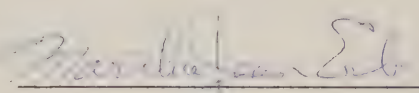
After a period of silence, Laurel McConnell reported that the Committee on Clearness (Laurel and John McConnell, Moses Bailey and Ruth Fitch) met with Emily Schuder and Bill Chasse and enthusiastically recommends that their marriage take place under the care of this Meeting. Hearty approval was voiced.

The wedding is planned for Saturday, August 30, 1980, at 10:00 a.m. Emily and Bill requested that Bob and Helen Brill, Betty Chapin and Vernon Martin serve as Oversight Committee. This request was approved subject to the acceptance of Betty and Vernon, who were not present.

Bob Brill relayed a report from Ministry & Counsel that Olive Whittier and Doris Nowak applied for Membership and both applications are heartily endorsed. The Meeting approved. Volunteers to call on the new members are Helen and Bob Brill, Margaret Morrison and Dotty Meshenuk (Olive Whittier), and Ellen Paullin, Sally Morrison and M.J. Erb (Doris Nowak).

The Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m. with a period of silence, purposing to meet again on Thursday, September 18, 1980, at 7:30 p.m.

Theodore Paullin, Clerk


Martha Jean Erb, Assistant Clerk

Minutes of
Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends
Ninth Month 18, 1980

Our Clerk announced the birth today of his new granddaughter, Colleen Will, to Philip and Karen Will. The announcement was received with joy.

The reading of Queries 11 and 12, on Social Responsibility and Peace and Reconciliation, was followed by a period of silence. We need to consider especially this year our ideas for possible revisions of queries before next Yearly Meeting.

Linda Dunakin, new president of Quaker Lane Nursery School, was introduced as a visitor and was invited to attend any Monthly Meeting.

The report of Ministry and Counsel was given by Jessie Stratton. Mary Forman has requested that her membership in Hartford Monthly Meeting be discontinued. The Clerk read her letter. Those members of Ministry and

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Counsel who had met with her feel that although her presence with us is highly valued, Mary's decision is a step in her spiritual growth. Ministry and Counsel after long deliberation decided to recommend acceptance of her request. The Meeting did accept the recommendation with feelings of regret and also good wishes.

A letter from William Taylor was read by the Clerk, requesting change of status from junior member to adult member. Friends were pleased to approve. Ruth Fitch and Alice Cheney will write at once. Peggy and Sally Morrison and James Glading will visit Bill Taylor at Thanksgiving vacation.

Another letter was read by the Clerk from Penn Ritter, in which Penn requested a similar change in membership from junior to full adult membership. Again the Meeting expressed pleasure at the change. Penn has just left for Peking, China. Marjorie Baechler and Ellen Paullin were asked to write him. The Clerk will ask Graham Leonard, who is already in Peking, to welcome him there.

The Clerk read a letter from two members, Irven Roberts and Muriel Roberts, who request transfer of membership to "Friends Meeting at North Easton", now a part of Rhode Island-Smithfield Quarterly Meeting. The Meeting approved and selected Robert Brill to write to the Roberts.

The Clerk made known that the parents of Colleen Will request junior membership for Colleen. The Meeting heartily welcomed her as a junior member.

Margaret Morrison reported briefly on her welcoming visit with new member, Olive Whittier.

Ellen Paullin reported on the visit by her and M.J. Erb with Doris Novak, another new member.

A letter from Kiki Eglinton was read by the Clerk. Kiki thanked the Meeting for the gift of the book, Valiant Friend. Kiki is now Executive Secretary of the New York City Chapter of Academy of Certified Social Workers.

The Clerk read a letter from Beatrice Coward in which she thanked the Meeting for use of the Meeting House for the June workshop of New Call to Peacemaking.

Richard Stratton presented the Treasurer's report. We have now contributed two-thirds of the amount needed for the year's budget, which seems encouraging.

Richard Stratton donned a new hat and reported for Nominating Committee, presenting the name of M.J. Erb as our new Recorder, following the departure of Wendell Clepper. The Meeting approved.

Robert and Helen Brill reported briefly about the marriage of William Chasse and Emily Schuder on August 30th. The Meeting gave them a copy of the New English Bible New Testament.

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Vincent McCarthy gave a most interesting report for the Ad Hoc Committee on the Quaker Lane Nursery School. He reviewed the historical background of our association with the Nursery School; the finances of the School; thirdly, facts about the School itself - enrollment, tuition, participation of parents, and scholarship fund; and lastly, the philosophy of the Meeting regarding the Nursery School. There is a gap between the expenses for the Nursery School incurred by the Meeting and the contribution to the Meeting by the Nursery School, which as been regularly less than the costs incurred. There is a philosophic question as to whether the Meeting should subsidize the Nursery School. The Committee asked the Meeting to make a recommendation that the Nursery School increase tuition by \$25.00 so that the gap could be closed by 1980 or 1981. Lengthy discussion ensued about "closing the gap", questioning whether this would render the School less viable, whether the Nursery School addresses the social ills we wish to address, whether subsidization can be considered "Quaker work", and whether there are other possible uses for this building. Friends finally, after an interval of silence, accepted the report of Vincent McCarthy for the Ad Hoc Committee, and recommended that the gap between cost to the Meeting and contribution by the Nursery School be closed by July 1, 1983, if possible.

The Executive Council of New England Yearly Meeting has expressed a desire to hold Committee Day on April 11, 1981, here at our Meeting House. The Meeting approved and the Clerk will issue the invitation.

Fall meeting of Conn. Valley Quarterly Meeting will be Saturday, October 18, at Worcester-Pleasant Street Meeting. Joseph Gerson, of AFSC, an expert on the Middle East, will be the featured speaker. Representatives appointed from Hartford Meeting were Helen and Robert Brill and Archie Meshenuk.

The Greater Hartford Coalition Against Registration and the Draft has asked to use the Meeting House for a workshop on Saturday, September 27. The Meeting approved and agreed to be listed as co-sponsors of the workshop.

James Glading and Helen Glenn reported on their impressions and experiences at New England Yearly Meeting.

Judith Kahane reported for the Eleventh Hour Committee. They are planning to organize Eleventh Hour programs around specific queries, generally with a talk, followed by small group discussions, followed by a general discussion on successive First Days.

Russell Johnson is expected for Quarterly Meeting in February.

Beatrice Coward reported for Peace and Social Concerns by bringing us up to date on their numerous activities. Draft counselling is now by appointment. Middletown Meeting invited us for a potluck supper on Sunday, September 28 at the new home of the Comforts on Pine Street. A tape of William Sloane Coffin will be played.

Archie Meshenuk informed us that the ramp to the Meeting House is deteriorating and will need replacement. At next business meeting he will

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have available an estimate of the cost of a new concrete permanent ramp for general use. The Meeting indicated a general approval of the idea.

The Meeting closed with a few moments of silence, expecting to meet again on the 16th day of Tenth Month.

Theodore Paullin, Clerk

Sylvia M. Helfrick
Sylvia Helfrick, Recording Clerk

Minutes of
Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends
Tenth Month 16, 1980

The regular monthly Meeting for Business convened at the usual time. Twenty persons were present. The Clerk read Query #6, which deals with personal conduct, and Query #7, dealing with home and family. Friends were silent subsequently for a time.

The report of the Meeting on Ministry and Counsel was presented by Jessie Stratton. She is becoming increasingly aware of the needs of various members of our Meeting, and she reminds us to reach out to members.

Richard Stratton gave the Treasurer's report. Contributions for September reached \$2,500; the total for the year in individual contributions is \$18,300. If the usual pattern of giving holds, we will make our budget by the end of the year. A letter has been received notifying us that Friends Community is having financial problems, and asks that persons who have lent money to them please turn their loans into gifts if possible, or to long-term non-interest loans. The matter was referred to the Finance Committee, that they learn more about what is the most fruitful way to help Friends Community, and to clarify our options.

Marjorie Baechler and Helen Brill reported for Peace and Social Concerns, mentioning three activities of interest and adding that other important information will be included in the Bulletin.

Friends are reminded of Conn. Valley Quarterly Meeting in Worcester on October 18.

Don Noel reported for the Eleventh Hour Committee. They have been trying to cover all the proposed new queries before Yearly Meeting by discussing one or two queries in three-week rounds. It is not their province to summarize ideas or formulate suggestions to send to Yearly Meeting Committee on Revision of Queries. Eleventh Hour Committee proposes that the third discussion of each triad be held more formally, perhaps under auspices of Ministry and Counsel or another body, in order to summarize the ideas put forward and to make suggestions for important changes to the Yearly Meeting Committee. The

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Meeting decided that the Clerk will find someone to draw together the ideas from the discussion in the next round on Nov. 2, and that subsequently we will decide who will do such summaries after subsequent "rounds".

We will celebrate the 30th anniversary of our Meeting House by having a special Fellowship Luncheon on Nov. 9, and a showing of 30 years of Ellen Paullin's slides of Meeting persons and activities.

Archie Meshenuk has a quick estimate of \$1,500 for a new concrete ramp with wrought iron rails. This seems expensive. He has not yet received an estimate for a wooden ramp. He will have further information at next business meeting, and meanwhile the present ramp will be repaired.

The Clerk read a letter from Bill Taylor replying to the letter of acceptance as an adult member. He describes his enjoyment attending New Haven Meeting, as well as his many other activities as a first year student at Yale. He also included a statement of his reasons for his conscientious objection to military service, which statement will be kept on file.

Francis and Sylvia Helfrick will take a message of love from the Meeting to Laurie and Lucia Barber, who will be leaving Friends Community in North Easton.

Olga Viera from Uruguay was introduced as a visitor from Amnesty International.

After a period of silence, the Meeting adjourned, to meet again on the 30th day of Eleventh Month.

Theodore Paullin, Clerk

Sylvia M. Helfrick

Sylvia M. Helfrick, Recording Clerk

Minutes of
Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends
Eleventh Month 20, 1980

Meeting for Business opened with the Clerk reading Queries #1 and #2 from the proposed revised queries now under consideration by NEYM. A period of worship followed. Twenty-two were present.

Jessie Stratton, Clerk of Ministry and Counsel, reported that the assistant clerks will preside over the meetings to suggest changes in queries. Results are to be approved by Monthly Meeting before they are passed on to the Revision Committee of NEYM.

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Ruth Fitch, Co-clerk of Finance Committee, reported on the \$5,000 interest-free loan which the Meeting gave to the Friends Community Development Corporation. It is apparent that the loan will probably have to be written off as a loss, but nothing should be done about this matter at this time. The Meeting approved.

Jessie Stratton, reporting for Treasurer Dick Stratton, explained our financial status as follows:

October receipts	\$1,240
November receipts	704
Total receipts to date	\$19,900

This means that we still must raise \$7,220 or 27% of our total budget, if we are to meet our 1980 budget.

Archie Meshenuk, Clerk of Buildings and Grounds, reported on the wheelchair ramp which will eventually be replaced.

As convenor of the Maplewood properties Committee, Archie Meshenuk also reported that Palma Vaccaro, Richard Sivel and daughter Katey will be our new tenants at 151 Maplewood Avenue beginning December 19.

Beatrice Coward, Co-clerk of Peace and Social Concerns, encouraged Friends to participate in the Call to Halt the Nuclear Arms Race. We were also reminded that volunteers and food are needed for the Honor Court to be held on Nov. 24.

Marjorie Baechler represented Hartford Meeting at the FCNL annual meeting in Washington and gave us a comprehensive report on it.

Rosalind Spier of Peace and Social Concerns Committee requested that the Meeting become a co-sponsor for a conference on Military Spending and the Economy, to be held on Feb. 27-28, 1981. The Meeting approved.

Clerk Ted Paullin reported on the annual meeting of the AFSC, held on Nov. 7 & 8 in Philadelphia. He also reported on the Archives and Historical Records Committee of NEYM held in conjunction with N.Y. Yearly Meeting at Powell House, October 31 - November 2.

James Glading reported on a Pendle Hill seminar on computers and religious values.

The Clerk announced that Quarterly Meeting will be held here on Feb. 1. Russell and Irene Johnson will speak on their recent trip to Russia.

The tragic death of Michael Stamm, a former junior member of our Meeting, was noted with sorrow and deep sympathy for his family.

An exhibit of Dorothea and Luman Kelsey's art will be held Nov. 30 - Dec. 6 at Gallery on the Green in Canton Center.

Theodore Paullin, Clerk

Elsa Cullen

Elsa Cullen, Recording Clerk Pro Tem

Minutes of
Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends
Twelfth Month 18, 1980

The regular Monthly Meeting for Business opened with the Clerk reading Queries #4 and #5 on The Meeting Community and Outreach, respectively. A period of silence followed. Twenty-one persons were present.

Helen Brill reported for the Meeting on Ministry and Counsel. Theodore Paullin and Paul Cullen have written a Memorial Minute for Paul Butterworth, but it is not available tonight. It will be read at the next business meeting. Paul Cullen wrote the Memorial Minute for James Charles Fox, Jr. It was read by the Clerk and was approved by the Meeting. Wendell and Jeanne Clepper have requested transfer of their membership to Friends Meeting at North Easton. The Meeting approved of this transfer.

There is a concern about the number and length of announcements at the rise of meeting for worship. Friends are urged to keep announcements as short as possible, and either to write or telephone the message to the member who is closing meeting. There is also a concern regarding lack of a spoken message in meeting for worship until after the children leave. Suggestion was made that children be brought in for meeting for worship for the second half-hour on the second First Day of the month after their assembly. Meeting approved the idea of children doing so, expecting them to come in and join us quietly with their parents.

The Clerk read a brief Treasurer's report. \$2,700 has been received since last monthly meeting.

Betty Hathaway reported for Peace and Social Concerns. She suggested an invitation to Bruce Martin and Marta Daniels, AFSC Conn. Peace staff, to visit us, perhaps on March 8. Helen Brill suggested also an invitation to Douglas Hofstetter, the new head of New England Regional Office of the AFSC in Cambridge to visit us soon. Arrangements will be made through Peace and Social Concerns and Eleventh Hour Committee.

Margaret Morrison spoke about her ongoing concern relative to our contribution to the larger community. She made three proposals for possible use of radio time to broadcast material about Quakers. Friends expressed interest and support, and after discussion the matter was referred to Ministry and Counsel. Margaret Morrison, Betty Chapin, M.J. Erb, and Judith Kahane will assemble more information and present it to M & C at their next meeting in January.

The Meeting approved of our providing pot luck luncheon for Quarterly Meeting in February. Russell and Irene Johnson will be featured speakers after luncheon.

The Clerk read several letters of interest from various individuals.

The death of Dorothea Kelsey on December 11, 1980, is minuted.

The Meeting approved of giving a Christmas gift of \$50.00 to our custodian, Tom Staunton.

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James Glading reported on the visit that he and Margaret Morrison made to welcome William Taylor, Jr., to adult membership.

After a few minutes of quiet worship, the meeting was adjourned, to meet again on January 15, 1981.

Theodore Paullin, Clerk

Sylvia M. Helfrick
Sylvia M. Helfrick, Recording Clerk

Memorial Minute to James Charles Fox, Jr.

James Charles Fox, Jr., a member of Hartford Monthly Meeting, died November 23, 1980, in Hartford.

Born in 1895, he was a graduate of Williams College and received his medical degree from the Johns Hopkins University. He subsequently became professor of neurology at Yale Medical School. With the outbreak of World War II, he organized the Yale Medical Unit, which became the nucleus of the 39th General Hospital, stationed in New Zealand. Following the war, he moved to Hartford, becoming assistant director of the Hartford Hospital, as well as conducting private practice. He became a member of the Society of Friends about ten years ago.

He leaves his wife, Alice Forsythe Fox; two sons, J. Charles Fox of West Hartford and George S. Fox of Huntington Beach, CA; a daughter, Mrs. Peter B. Janes of West Hartford; and six grandchildren.

Jim Fox devoted his life to healing. We knew him to be modest and unpretentious about his distinguished professional career, and a man of extraordinary warmth and gentleness in all his human relationships.

Adopted by Hartford Monthly Meeting
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Minutes of
Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends
First Month 15, 1981

Meeting for Business began with a reading by the Clerk of Query #8, which deals with the care of children. After this several minutes were spent in silent meditation. Twenty-two persons were present.

James Glading presented the report from the Meeting on Ministry and Counsel. They have considered Margaret Morrison's proposal relative to what the Society of Friends has to offer the world at large. They suggest a revival of a quondam Committee for Public Information, to put the name of

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the Society of Friends in more places and to enable people to become more familiar with who we are and what we do. It was decided that those Friends who are working on the Conference on Military Spending at the end of February will attempt to codify the local media contacts. Meanwhile, concerned members of Ministry and Counsel are encouraged to help Margaret Morrison specifically reach out with her message, and consider other ways that the Meeting can reach out to the larger community.

Children will again attend Meeting for Worship for the final half-hour on the second First Day of the month, and we will try to ascertain whether this will turn out to be a successful plan.

The following memorial minute to Paul M. Butterworth was read and approved with a few minor changes:

Memorial Minute to Paul McMillin Butterworth

Paul McMillin Butterworth, a member of Hartford Monthly Meeting, died in West Hartford, CT, on October 24, 1980, at age ninety-two.

Born in Columbus, Ohio, to a family with Quaker traditions, he graduated from Trinity College in Hartford, CT, in 1909, and remained in the Hartford area for the rest of his life. He was involved in various business activities in Hartford, but was better known for his philanthropic enterprises. These included child welfare organizations, hospitals, and long service on the Boards of Ethel Walker School and Hartford College for Women. In later years he helped found and was especially interested in New Horizons, an organization of the severely handicapped.

In 1940, Paul Butterworth became one of the founding members of Hartford Monthly Meeting, and served for seven years as the first Clerk. He was active in the Connecticut Valley Association of Friends, which he helped to bring into the present New England Yearly Meeting when it was organized in 1954. During the Second World War he helped raise funds for Civilian Public Service Camps, and later was instrumental in bringing several refugee families to Hartford under the care of the Meeting. More than anyone else, Paul Butterworth helped to create the present Hartford Meeting House, which was completed in 1950. He served on almost every committee of Hartford Meeting, and for several years was a member of the Board of Directors of the American Friends Service Committee.

The memorial service held on October 28 drew an exceptionally large number of people whose lives had been touched and brightened by "Uncle Paul's" kindness and love.

One tribute mentioned that he had probably contributed more to the volunteer activity than anyone else in the community.

Another spoke of him as "the kind of man who warms the world".

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Still another said, "It is impossible to measure the impact that men like Paul Butterworth - who do not happen often - have upon society."

And a final prayer said, in part: "We thank Thee, O God, for all the goodness and courage which have passed from the life of this, Thy servant, into the lives of others and have left the world richer for his presence; for a life's task faithfully and honorably discharged; for good humor, gracious affection and kindly generosity. We give thanks for his great love of nature, his devotion to this place of worship, and most of all, for his great love of neighbors, friends, and family."

Copies of the Annual Report of the Treasurer were distributed by our Treasurer, Richard Stratton, who fielded a lot of pertinent questions and comments. The 1980 budget was raised, in the nick of time as usual. \$27,000 was budgeted and \$27,889 was received. Appreciation was expressed to Dick for a good job well done. It is now essential that committees communicate their budget requests for 1981 to the Finance Committee by January 24.

Don Noel reported for the Eleventh Hour Committee. Under the present program, there is a problem getting the advice on the Queries to the New England Yearly Meeting Committee in what they consider a timely fashion, by April 1. Five queries will not have been addressed by the Meeting by that time. The March Business Meeting will take up the other seven queries. It was suggested that the Eleventh Hour Committee contact Gordon Browne of Yearly Meeting to learn whether there is some flexibility in time allowed. If an extension is granted, the Meeting approved of holding an adjourned Meeting for Business on April 5 to consider remaining queries.

Copies of the schedule for Quarterly Meeting on Feb. 1 were distributed.

Robert Brill reported on the Global Refugee Conference for the Northeast Region, to be held in Windsor Locks on January 28 and 29. Several Friends volunteered to help.

The Clerk informed us that Dorothea Kelsey has for years collected unusual stamps to send to Friends World Committee for Consultation. A volunteer is needed to carry on this project.

Several letters of general interest from various individuals were read by the Clerk.

After several announcements and a few moments of silence, the Meeting for Business was adjourned, to meet again on February 19, 1981.

Theodore Paullin, Clerk

Sylvia M. Helfrick

 Sylvia M. Helfrick, Recording Clerk

Minutes of
Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends
Second Month 19, 1981

Clerk Theodore Paullin opened the regular Monthly Meeting for Business at 7:30 p.m. by reading Query #9, "Stewardship", of the proposed New England Yearly Meeting Queries. A period of silence followed. Fifteen people were present.

Clerk of Ministry and Counsel, Jessie Stratton, reported that committee concern for reaching out to new attenders. On April 5, following Ellen Paullin's Quaker Day program during 11th hour, Ministry and Counsel plans to have an invitational pot luck lunch for new attenders and Ministry and Counsel members.

The 11th hour program on April 26 will be the second session on "Queries for the Future" conducted by Ministry and Counsel.

The Clerk reported that Talmadge and Edith Neece have requested sojourning membership in the Brooklyn, NY, Meeting, while maintaining their membership in Hartford. The request was approved.

Martha Jean Erb presented the Recorder's Annual Report, which was approved with the clarification that the number of members under age 25 does not include junior members. The report will be forwarded to Quarterly and Yearly Meetings.

The Clerk read a letter from Moses Bailey. He is planning a trip to Costa Rica with his son and Nancy Alexander and asked for a letter of introduction to Friends in Costa Rica. The Clerk has written such a letter, which was read and approved.

Ginny Datoos has resigned from the Nominating Committee and must be replaced. It was suggested that Robert Brill's term be shortened to two years and that a new person be appointed for three years, including this year. Suggestion was approved. Marian Cushman's name was suggested to fill the vacancy, and this was approved subject to her acceptance.

Dick Stratton, Clerk of the Nominating Committee, reported that the committee has started its work and requests help from all in filling all the committee assignments.

Ruth Fitch, Co-Clerk of the Finance Committee, distributed copies of the proposed 1981 budget. Following some discussion, it was decided that an increase of \$250 for American Friends Service Committee and \$125 for Friends World Committee be included, contingent on a similar increase in income. The budget was approved with commendation to the Committee for their work in preparing it.

Clerk Ted Paullin reported on Quarterly Meeting held in Hartford on February 1, 1981. The next Quarterly Meeting will be May 17 at Litchfield Hills Meeting.

Judith Kahane reported for the Eleventh Hour Committee and presented the schedule of programs through June 14.

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Beatrice Coward, Clerk of Peace and Social Concerns, announced various activities of interest planned for the next few weeks.

Archie Meshenuk stressed that care should be taken in securing the Meeting House after meetings.

Announcements:

Allegra Bliss born to Ellen Searle LeBel and Bruce LeBel.

Cambridge Meeting plans Good Friday Peace Witness in Boston on April 17.

The Women's Group will reconvene at 10:00 a.m., February 27.

After a period of silence, the Meeting adjourned, purposing to meet next on March 19, 1981.

Theodore Paullin, Clerk


 Martha Jean Erb, Recording Clerk Pro Tem

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 Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends
 Third Month 19, 1981

The meeting opened with a period of silence. The Clerk read proposed Query #3 concerning meeting business.

Shukichi Kuno, a visitor from Japan, was introduced, and the Clerk read a letter from Tokyo Monthly Meeting. Mr. Kuno is visiting the United States and Canada for lectures and discussions on "current economic and social conditions in Japan and Asia". The Clerk will add our endorsement to the letter, which has already been signed by several well-known Friends in divers Friends Meetings.

Helen Brill gave the report of Ministry and Counsel. This coming First Day we will prepare the biennial report on the State of the Meeting.

Richard Stratton reported as Treasurer that our income is running just a little bit behind in comparison with last year at this time.

Dick also reported for the Nominating Committee and asked those who have not yet been heard from to fill out questionnaires indicating how they prefer to serve in this coming year.

Announcement was happily received of the births this month of three baby girls to Meeting families. Maria Elizabeth Westerlund was born on

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March 7 in Sweden, named for her two great-grandmothers, one of whom is our Elizabeth Butterworth. Margot Batlin Herwood was born on March 15 to Connie (Reik) and Michael Herwood, and is the granddaughter of Cynthia and Jim Reik. Elizabeth Beatrice Baltaro arrived today, March 19, in Rome, the daughter of Laura (Neece) and Richard Baltaro, and granddaughter of Talmadge and Edith Neece. Her parents being both members of Hartford Meeting, she automatically becomes a junior member.

Copies of 1966 Queries, proposed Queries, and appended Hartford Monthly Meeting suggestions for Queries #'s 1, 6, 9, and 11 were distributed and discussed. The remaining Queries will be considered further at an adjourned meeting on March 29 following the rise of meeting for worship. Appreciation was expressed to the Eleventh Hour Committee for engineering healthy discussions of the Queries for the past several months.

The Clerk informed us of a recent incident of vandalism of our Meeting House on March 3 by two or three neighborhood children with an air rifle. The Meeting has entered a complaint with the West Hartford Police. After considerable discussion, the Meeting appointed an ad hoc committee on the March 3 vandalism to act on its behalf, to write the court and/or the police department in its discretion, offering to participate in supervising work restitution by the boys if the court would so instruct. The committee consists of Don Noel, James Reik, Bruce Loudon, and James Carpenter if he accepts.

New England Yearly Meeting Committee Day will be held in Hartford on Saturday, April 11. Several Friends volunteered to provide hospitality for Friday night, April 10, and to help with beverages and lunch the following day.

Marjorie Baechler reported for Peace and Social Concerns. The Meeting approved of allowing the Planning Committee for the Conference on Military Spending to use our bulk mailing permit number and return address for mailings to participants and potential recruits. The Meeting would of course be reimbursed later. The Meeting also approved of limiting allowance of office space only to organizations whose membership includes actively involved Friends of the Meeting.

The Meeting authorized the Clerk to write a letter of introduction for Judith Kahane to German Friends.

Mr. Kuno asked the Meeting one question: What would you do in the event that World War III broke out and you were faced with Russian soldiers in your country? Several Friends responded to the question. We were reminded that in about the year 1966, the American Friends Service Committee put out a pamphlet entitled "In Place of War", which deals with non-violent responses in such an eventuality.

After a period of silence, the Meeting adjourned until March 29 at 11:00 a.m.

Theodore Paullin, Clerk

Sylvia M. Helfrick
 Sylvia M. Helfrick, Recording Clerk

Hartford Monthly Meeting of FriendsReactions to Proposed Revision of the Queries of
New England Yearly Meeting

1. SPIRITUAL LIFE

Consideration of Query #1 started with a panel of three who presented different perspectives of "spiritual life". One panelist, Margaret Morrison, put her thoughts into a query which reads:

"Do we seek to make clear to ourselves what our own idea of God is, remembering as we do this that it may change with our own development..."

Friends felt that the concept of making clear to ourselves what our individual idea of what God is is an important one which might well be incorporated into the new Queries.

Friends were concerned, too, that neither "silence" nor "prayer" is used in the Query. Silence, especially, is a uniquely Quaker tool, both corporately and individually, and it would be appropriate to stress its use in this Query.

Finally, Friends wondered if the final question of Query #1 could be deleted without serious effect.

2. MEETING FOR WORSHIP

This Query was approved with the comment that it was an improvement over the former Query.

3. MEETING FOR BUSINESS

Approved. Friends particularly liked the omission of the "burden" phrase used in the former Query.

4. MEETING COMMUNITY

Friends felt that "Are you careful of the reputation of others?" might be included in Query #6 instead of #4. Otherwise, this Query was approved.

5. OUTREACH

Query approved.

6. PERSONAL CONDUCT

Concern was expressed with the word "punctual" in the second sentence. Friends felt that the word "conscientious" expressed the intent better than the time-related "punctual". The last sentence, with reference to "wholesome" and "Christian character", seemed less specific than the first sentence of the 1966 Query #6. Therefore, Friends approved a rewording of the new Query #6:

Do you live with simplicity, moderation and integrity? Are you conscientious in keeping promises, careful in speech, just and compassionate in all your dealings with others? Do you take care that your spiritual growth is not sacrificed to busy-

Proposed Revision of Queries (con't)

ness but instead provides the balance for your life's activities? Are your recreations those which renew your physical, mental and spiritual strength without causing harm to yourself or others?

7. HOME AND FAMILY

It was suggested that the third questions, "Do you recognize marriage as a sacred...", be changed to "Do you seek to make marriage a sacred..."

In the last question, it was felt that the words "all necessary" and "both" could be deleted, leaving "...are you open to seeking help from your Meeting..."

Approved with these changes.

8. CARE OF CHILDREN

Query #9 of the 1966 Queries includes "Do you assist them to assume their rightful responsibilities in the home, the Meeting and the community?" Friends felt that this concept of responsibility should be retained in place of the second questions of the new Query #8: "Do they share in its work?" Approved with this change.

9. STEWARDSHIP

Questions on this Query arose concerning its timeliness with reference to environmental issues. In an effort to maintain the ageless quality of the Queries, the following rewording and rearrangement was agreed upon:

"Do you revere all life and the splendor of God's continuing creation? Do you regard your personal possessions as given to you in trust, and do you part with or share them freely to meet the needs of others? Do you actively promote just distribution of the world's resources through frugality in your own life and through your support for social and economic practices which will sustain and enrich life for all?"

10. VOCATIONS

11. SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Because these two Queries seem related and, indeed, overlap to some extent, they were considered together with their counterparts in the 1966 Queries. It was suggested that greater clarity might result from arranging the Queries according to personal volition and regard for others.

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The following suggestion incorporates some of the language of the 1966 Queries and rearranges some of the questions from the revised Queries.

10. As voters, as workers and employers, as consumers and investors, do you endeavor to create political, social and economic institutions that will sustain and enrich the life of all? Do you fulfill all civic obligations which are not contrary to divine leadings?
11. Do you try to discover and to remove the causes of social and economic injustice and misery? Do you uphold the equal right of all persons to justice and human dignity? Do you respect the value of all useful work, whether paid or unpaid, whether physical or intellectual, whether performed in the home or in the larger community?

12. PEACE AND RECONCILIATION

Friends felt that the meaning of the final question is not clear and that the quote, unidentified, does not enlighten. It was suggested that this final portion be deleted and that the previous two questions be reversed in order -- "...nonviolent methods..." section first, followed by "...ministry of reconciliation..." as the stronger ending.

(Small grammatical correction: "...reconciliation between individuals..." should be "...reconciliation among individuals...".)

Minutes of
Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends
Fourth Month 16, 1981

The Meeting for Business was begun with a period of silent worship and the reading of proposed Query #10 concerning vocations.

Jessie Stratton presented the report of Ministry and Counsel. Ministry and Counsel recommends membership for Maggie Bierwirth, who has requested membership. She has been attending for the past two years and has been active on Peace and Social Concerns and the Committee on Aging. The Meeting heartily approved of her becoming a member. Marjorie and Henry Baechler and Beatrice Coward will serve as welcoming committee.

A Fellowship Luncheon was held two weeks ago for about 30 attenders, and it seemed to be highly successful.

The report on the State of the Society was read and discussed and then approved with one sentence change.

The Clerk read a letter from Sarah Whitall Morrison and James Charles Fox declaring their intention of marriage and requesting that their wedding be under the care of Hartford Monthly Meeting. Charles Fox is currently a member of Plainfield, Vermont, Monthly Meeting and has requested transfer of membership to Hartford Meeting. Although transfer has not yet been accomplished, it is anticipated soon, so this Meeting appointed Paul and Elsa Cullen

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and Francis and Sylvia Helfrick as Committee on Clearness, to report back at the next regular business meeting on May 21. The proposed date of the wedding is June 10, 1981.

Copies of the preliminary report of the Nominating Committee were distributed and were discussed by Richard Stratton. It is almost complete, and several suggestions were made, including combining Buildings and Grounds Committee and Maintenance Committee.

Marjorie Baechler for Peace and Social Concerns has prepared a statement concerning the launching of the nuclear submarine named Corpus Christi scheduled for April 25. Hartford Monthly Meeting unites in strong condemnation of this destructive weapon and of its name. The statement will be signed by the Clerk on behalf of the Meeting.

Quarterly Meeting will be held on Sunday, May 17, at Litchfield Hills. Helen and Robert Brill, Theodore Paullin, and Henry and Marjorie Baechler were appointed as representatives.

Richard Stratton gave the Treasurer's report. We are somewhat behind in receipts in comparison with last year at this time.

At the adjourned meeting on March 29, suggestions for the New England Yearly Meeting Queries were completed, and they have been forwarded by the Clerk to Gordon Browne.

Archie Meshenuk informed us that a permanent concrete ramp for the front entrance of the Meeting House is being planned.

Jim Carpenter stated that the mother of the boy who allegedly shot an air rifle at the Meeting House windows last month prefers that representatives of the Meeting not appear in court to ask for leniency.

The YWCA has requested use of the Meeting House for a children's day camp during the summer. Although Friends felt reluctant to refuse such a community service, the Meeting felt that it seemed too difficult to arrange this year.

After a period of worship, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting for business is scheduled for May 21.

Theodore Paullin, Clerk

Sylvia M. Helfrick

Sylvia M. Helfrick, Recording Clerk

Minutes of
Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends
Fifth Month 21, 1981

The Clerk opened the Meeting with the reading of the "Walk cheerfully over the world" passage by George Fox, as quoted in the Christian Faith and Practice. This was followed by a period of silent worship.

The report of Ministry and Counsel was presented by Helen Brill. Philip Will was recommended for membership. The Meeting approved heartily and appointed Margaret Morrison, Robert Brill and Judith Kahane to make a call of welcome. Marjorie Baechler reported on the welcoming dinner at her house for Maggie Bierwirth. Letters were sent to several junior members who have reached the age of 25, with regard to change to adult membership. Three of these junior members have not replied - Donald Conant, Dorothy Helfrick, and Sarah Parton - and are dropped from membership. Mischa Meshenuk will be dropped from membership at his own request. John Ritter has requested adult membership by transfer from junior membership. The Meeting approved and appointed Marjorie and Henry Baechler, Elsa Cullen, and Francis Helfrick as welcoming visitors.

The Clerk read a letter from Plainfield, Vermont, Monthly Meeting accepting the transfer of membership of Charles Fox back to Hartford Monthly Meeting. The Meeting approved the transfer, and Henry Baechler, Beatrice Coward, and Archie Meshenuk were appointed to make a visit of welcome.

Robert Brill distributed for the Nominating Committee copies of their proposed slate for June, 1981, through May, 1982. The wish was expressed that the Nominating Committee would include young people age 9 or 10 and over as committee members. The list was approved, recognizing that anyone else who wishes to serve on a committee should tell the Nominating Committee at any time.

The Meeting appointed Karen Will to a three-year term on the Nominating Committee, pending her acceptance.

Henry Baechler, Marjorie Baechler, Nancy Mason, Archie Meshenuk, and Robert Brill were appointed representatives to New England Yearly Meeting.

Quarterly Meeting was held at Litchfield Hills on May 17. Eleven members of Hartford Meeting attended. Moses Bailey was the featured afternoon speaker. A statement regarding violence and the Ku Klux Klan will be sent to Capitol Region Council of Churches and possibly other groups. Mt. Toby has invited us to Quarterly Meeting there on October 3.

Elsa Cullen reported for the Clearness Committee for the marriage of Charles Fox and Sarah Morrison. The Committee did not meet with the couple, at their request, and the wedding has been postponed.

Beatrice Coward gave us a comprehensive explanation of the activities of Peace and Social Concerns Committee. We read copies of a minute from Cambridge Friends Meeting regarding the escalation of the U.S. military budget, the acceleration of the arms race, and the growing threat of U.S. intervention in the third world. The Cambridge Meeting delegates to Washington returned with a sense of extreme urgency for our prompt and persistent action.

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Our Peace and Social Concerns Committee has decided to commit itself to sending delegates to Washington to lobby for peace action in the Congress. The Committee requests the support of the Meeting - financial, participatory, and personal. On Thursday, June 11, Peace and Social Concerns will meet to plan for such a delegation, and proposed action based on peace and war issues will then be brought to next monthly meeting.

Elizabeth Baltaro attended meeting with her mother and grandparents on May 10.

The Clerk read a letter from Constance, Michael, and Margot Herwood, thanking the Meeting for the gift of the book.

The Meeting records its appreciation for the two years of devoted work of Theodore Paullin as our Clerk. Ted has been available at all times to those who were in need and has given of himself unstintingly to quiet ministry in home visits, telephone consultations and attendance at innumerable gatherings.

After a quiet interval, the meeting was adjourned, to meet again on June 18, 1981.

Theodore Paullin, Clerk

Sylvia M. Helfrick
Sylvia M. Helfrick, Recording Clerk

Minutes of
Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends
Sixth Month 18, 1981

Hartford Monthly Meeting for Business convened at the Meeting House in West Hartford with 17 persons present. The Meeting was opened by our new Clerk with reading of several verses from I Corinthians 13, after which the Meeting dropped into several minutes of silent worship.

James Glading, the new Clerk of Ministry and Counsel, gave their report. John Martin Glenn, the son of John and Helen Glenn, has requested membership, and Ministry and Counsel recommends this. The Meeting approved and appointed Betty Chapin, M.J. Erb, and Maggie Bierwirth as welcoming visitors.

Marjorie Baechler reported on the welcoming visit to John Ritter, who is currently attending Yale Divinity School for two years, prior to starting law school. Suggestion was made that John might be invited to lead an eleventh hour meeting in the fall.

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Archie Meshenuk reported on the welcoming visit with Charles Fox.

Richard Stratton presented the Treasurer's report.

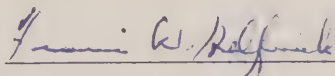
Maggie Bierwirth, for Peace and Social Concerns, requested a minute of wholehearted spiritual and financial support by the Meeting, for their mission to Washington to lobby Congress on peace and other issues of Quaker concern. Suggested dates are July, October, late January, or early February, and another time in March or April. They expect three to five persons to each time for two to three days, and will need about \$200 for cost for each of the four trips. They are planning ways of raising the money by dinners and contributions, some delegates paying their own way, and the Meeting treasury backing up the trips when necessary. The Meeting approved of this requested minute.

Thomas Bodine will be visiting in Hartford on July 14 or 15. He will be invited to meet with us for a potluck picnic. Marjorie Baechler and Betty Chapin volunteered to organize the gathering, and Sally Morrison will write Tom the invitation. Logan Carter, a New Zealander who will be accompanying Tom, expects to attend Meeting on July 12.

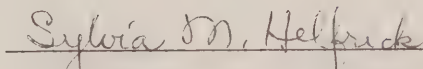
Marjorie Baechler presented information on the proposed National Academy of Peace and Conflict Resolution, and asked that our Meeting become a member of N-PAC, which is the committee that is planning to keep alive the issue after the report of the Congressional committee is presented in Congress. The Meeting approved of becoming members of N-PAC. Several persons contributed this evening, and further contributions to make the \$25 necessary will be requested at the potluck picnic.

At the request of the Friends Journal, the Meeting approved of circulating a flyer inviting people to subscribe to the Friends Journal, by mailing the flyers with a future Bulletin in the next few months.

After an interval of silence, the Meeting adjourned, to reconvene on September 17.



Francis Helfrick, Clerk



Sylvia Helfrick, Recording Clerk

Minutes of
Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends
Ninth Month 17, 1981

Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends convened at the usual time of 7:30 p.m. at the Meeting House. The Clerk read another portion of I Cor. 13, and then Friends continued with an interval of silent worship. Twenty-one members and attenders were present.

For Ministry and Counsel, Nancy Mason read the memorial minute for Dorothea Kelsey, which was written by Mary Jane Carpenter and which was wholeheartedly approved by the Meeting. Copies will be sent to Dorothea's daughters.

Also for Ministry and Counsel, Vernon Martin read the following report:

Under a charge from the Meeting for Ministry and Counsel to suggest ways for Hartford Monthly Meeting to stand behind young people who resist military service, the undersigned propose that the Meeting appoint an advisory group for Conscientious Objectors, to be composed of representation from Ministry and Counsel, Peace and Social Concerns, and Draft Counselors, and a member of the Meeting with legal training or experience.

The activities of such a group would be:

1. Spiritual support for individuals who are facing registration and draft and who take stands of resistance based on conscience.
2. Legal referral for these individuals.
3. Seeking of material assistance for these individuals and their dependents who are in distress because of this stand.
4. Acting as liaison with other groups to provide a physical presence at arrests, hearings, trials, and during periods of imprisonment.

For Ministry and Counsel _____

Jim Glading

For Peace and Social Concerns _____

Maggie Bierwirth

For Draft Counselors _____

Vernon Martin

The Meeting approved of the report with the addition that help with legal services would be by referral to specialized legal counsel. The Nominating Committee will handle the nomination of members to serve, and the Finance Committee will bring a budgetary recommendation to Monthly Meeting in February, 1982.

The Report of the Treasurer was given by Richard Stratton. Contributions thus far total about \$15,000 out of a \$28,000 budget, thus somewhat falling behind percentagewise in comparison with recent years.

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Maggie Bierwirth reported for Peace and Social Concerns. No one has yet come forward to take part in forming a delegation to Washington. There will be workshops in the Nuclear Freeze on Sat., Sept. 26.

Quarterly Meeting will be Sunday, October 4, at Mt. Toby. The Meeting appointed Ted Paullin and Maggie Bierwirth as representatives. Betty Chapin will encourage Young Friends also to attend.

Memorial Services will be held for Wendell Clepper at North Easton, Mass., at 2:00 p.m. on October 3 and at Hartford Meeting at 2:00 p.m. on October 17.

Suggestion was made that the Memorial Committee create an Album of Remembrance for deceased Meeting members, to include brief, simple biographical sketches, pictures, or appropriate clippings. The Meeting approved of asking Memorial Committee to start such a record.

Helen Brill reported on Yearly Meeting 1981, on the theme, "Do not conform but be ye transformed". A lot of young people from Hartford Meeting attended Yearly Meeting and the attenders reported a special excitement this year. Helen Brill, Ted Paullin, Roz Spier, Henry Baechler, and Dorothy Meshenuk all serve on Yearly Meeting Committees.

Robert Brill reported on Budgetary matters of New England Yearly Meeting. Yearly Meeting felt that "Quakers are lousy employers", in that we underpay our NEYM staff.

Vincent McCarthy will represent Friends at a seminar on Prime Time Preachers - the Rising Tide of Televangelism - on Sept. 24 at Hartford Seminary Foundation.

An invitation has been received for Meeting members to attend the wedding of Deya Leonard and Alan Dresner on Sat., Oct. 17, at River Rd. Unitarian Church, Bethesda, MD. Patricia Ritter will be asked to respond to this invitation.

Friends Community Committee of Concern has asked Friends to contribute toward relieving the hardship of some persons who lent money to Friends Community and lost financially to the point of hardship.

The Clerk read a letter from Christopher Hardiman explaining why he does not intend to ask for adult membership. He does not feel ready for adult membership at this time, lives at a great distance, and is in fact near Mt. Toby Meeting. He is dropped from Junior membership.

Betty Chapin told us of the visit by her and M. J. Erb to welcome John Glenn, who received them graciously. The Meeting will give him a copy of London Yearly Meeting Faith and Practice.

Ellen Paullin brought her concern about difficulty arranging a time for Friends to sing together. No time tried thus far seems to work. The Meeting responded by asking her to lead singing for one-half hour prior to Meeting for Worship on the first Sunday of the month for the next three months.

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Meeting was adjourned after a few moments of silence, with the intention of gathering again on October fifteenth.

Francis Helfrick

Francis Helfrick, Clerk

Sylvia M. Helfrick

Sylvia Helfrick, Recording Clerk

Minutes of
Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends
Tenth Month 15, 1981

The regular business meeting of Hartford Monthly Meeting was held October 15 at 7:30 p.m. at the Meeting House. Fifteen Friends attended. Elsa Cullen, Assistant Clerk, presided.

Opening Worship. The Clerk read a passage from the book All Men Seek God.

Ministry and Counsel. James Glading, Clerk, reported that five Creative Listening Groups have been organized, each to meet for six sessions. 41 Friends are participating. Two applications for membership are pending. On Nov. 8 Sunday School students from South Congregational Church will visit meeting.

Connecticut Valley Quarterly Meeting. Maggie Bierwirth reported on the Oct. 4 meeting at Mt. Toby. The deaths of Wendell Clepper and of Ruth Woodbridge, Clerk of the Quarter, were recorded and messages given. Future dates for Quarterly Meetings in 1982: Feb. 7 in Hartford; May 2 in Middletown; and Oct. 3 at Worcester-Pleasant Street. Friends are urged to consider the new Advices prepared by the Faith and Practice Review Committee of New England Yearly Meeting. Ben Wojan is the new representative to the Woolman Hill Board.

Peace and Social Concerns. Maggie Bierwirth reported on the recent meeting of NEYM Peace and Social Concerns Committee. The Jan. 23 meeting at Wellesley will focus on Friends, Lesbians and Gays. A calendar listing a number of Peace and Social Concerns activities involving Hartford Friends was presented. The next meeting will be Oct. 29 for Hartford Peace and Social Concerns.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Richard Stratton. Contributions through September 30 total \$16,408, leaving a balance of \$11,600 to be raised by the end of the year. This latter figure is significantly more than last year at this time.

Nominating Committee. Marion Cushman reported that the following Friends have agreed to serve on the new Support Committee for Conscientious Objectors:

Vernon Martin, representing the draft counselling group

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James Glading, representing Ministry and Counsel

Marjorie Baechler, representing Peace and Social Concerns

A fourth member, someone with legal expertise, has yet to be appointed. Friends approved the nominations.

The Memorial Meeting for Wendell Clepper, held Oct. 3 in North Easton, MA, was reported on by Marjorie Baechler. Eight Hartford Friends attended. The memorial meeting for Wendell Clepper in Hartford will be held Oct. 17 at 2:00 p.m. at the Meeting House. Refreshments will follow.

Clifford House. James Reik reported that Greater Hartford Group Homes, which runs Clifford House, will sell it because they are unable to raise the \$90,000 needed for the building's renovation. They ask that Hartford Meeting transfer its \$20,000 loan from Clifford House to Barnard House, thus helping assure Barnard House's continued operation. James Reik and Robert Brill, in consultation with others familiar with Clifford House history, will bring a recommendation to the November meeting for business.

Building and Grounds. Archie Meshenuk announced that a new ramp to the porch of the Meeting House has been installed.

Co-sponsorship by Hartford Meeting of a Nov. 12 talk at the University of Hartford by Mrs. Letellier, formerly of Chile, was requested by Olga Viera on behalf of the Hartford Chile Solidarity Committee. Other local groups will also lend their names as co-sponsors. Friends approved.

Clothing. Alice Cheney reported that several bags of clothing were recently taken to Philadelphia by Tollie Miller. A quantity of other clothing went to The Salvation Army.

The birth of Christopher Adrian Yager on August 7, 1981, was announced. His parents are Jon and Barbara Yager of Durham, NH. Jon Yager is a member of Hartford Meeting, as is the grandmother, Bobbe Yager.

The Memorial Society of Greater Hartford. Brochures of this organization were distributed by Helen Brill.

After a period of worship the meeting closed at 9:30 p.m., purposing to meet next on November 19.

Elsa Cullen
Elsa Cullen, Acting Clerk

Helen Brill
Helen Brill, Recording Clerk pro tem

Minutes of
Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends
Eleventh Month 19, 1981

The Meeting began with the reading of another portion of I Cor. 13 and a time of silent worship.

The report of Ministry and Counsel was presented by Jim Glading. Vincent McCarthy was wholeheartedly recommended for membership, which was then equally earnestly approved by the Meeting. Ted and Ellen Paullin and Alice Cheney were appointed as visitors.

Alice Neece has requested by letter a change from junior to adult membership. Members expressed pleasure at this news. The Clerk has already written a welcoming letter. As Alice is living in North Carolina, a visit is not planned in the immediate future.

The Clerk read the following Memorial Minute for Wendell Clepper:

Wendell Clepper, a member of Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends since 1945, died on September 11, 1981. Born on March 3, 1910 in Sharon, PA, Wendell grew up as a Presbyterian. A graduate of Swarthmore College and a teacher at Westtown School, Wendell worked summers for the AFSC and joined the Society of Friends in 1936.

Wendell's career was in social work, specializing in child welfare. For a period of time he and his wife, Jeanne, and daughter, Peggy, maintained a home for children in need of emergency placement.

Within and without his profession Wendell witnessed for peace and justice. He registered as a conscientious objector during World War II. Between 1941 and 1944 he lived part of the time at Penn-Craft, a cooperative community built under AFSC leadership in the soft coal country. He joined the 1965 march for civil rights in Selma, Alabama. In addition, he and Jeanne were early supporters of gay rights.

Wendell served as Clerk of Hartford Meeting. He was also a vital member of Connecticut Valley Quarterly Meeting where he was clerk of numerous committees. He was a founder of the Connecticut Friends Council, uniting Connecticut meetings of New England and New York Yearly Meetings. Throughout Wendell showed his enormous concern for the life of the Meeting and of the Society. Wendell had high expectations of the Society of Friends. He encouraged us; he chastised us. He labored long to see that we fulfill our responsibilities to our members and to the world.

Surpassing all his other accomplishments was Wendell's ability to touch us one by one. Concern for individuals was the hallmark of Wendell's life. His life touched ours in ordinary, extra-ordinary, and mysterious ways. He was gifted with a sensitivity that allowed him to communicate with the young in special

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ways. Wendell had the capacity to make each of us feel needed and capable; he brought out the best in us.

Wendell's wide range of avid interests included major league sports, art, literature, music and humor. His knowledge of the Bible and Quaker history was extensive and profound. All these he shared freely and enthusiastically. He sent frequent postcards to maintain bonds of common interest.

Wendell's health during his latter years was poor but he remained a source of spiritual strength to our Meeting and to the wider Quaker community. The memory of his compassion, his love and his seeking will continue to enrich us.

The Meeting approved of the Minute as written by Ruth Fitch and Rosalind Spier. Copies will be sent to Quarterly Meeting, to Eunice Smith of North Easton, and to Jeanne Clepper.

The Clerk read a letter to the Meeting from Jeanne Clepper.

The Treasurer's report was read by Dick Stratton. On October 31, our receipts totalled \$18,000, running considerably behind last year's receipts.

Bruce Loudon gave the Auditor's report and described the treasurer's system of accounting. Twenty-five percent of our receipts come regularly in the month of December. The finances and records of the Meeting are being properly handled, and the accounting system is appropriate. The auditor's report is appended.

Maggie Bierwirth reported on the various activities of Peace and Social Concerns, including an anti-nuclear ad in the Hartford Courant and the Women's Pentagon Action. Sue Devakaitis will visit us on January 24 to tell us of her activities this year as a released Friend. Doug Hostetter, Executive Secretary, New England Regional Office, will visit us on January 31.

Marjorie Baechler as our representative reported on the annual meeting of the Friends Committee on National Legislation in Washington.

Ted Paullin reported on the annual meeting of the AFSC Corporation in Philadelphia on November 5. The budget cuts in Washington are having a tremendous effect on AFSC programs; nevertheless, the Service Committee continues to be inspiringly involved in numerous projects.

The Clerk read a letter from Sedenka, a non-profit folk dance group of about twelve people, requesting permission to use the Meeting House for rehearsal space on the third Wednesday evening of each month. The Meeting approved of the use of the nursery school room by this group, contingent on working out the schedule with our custodian, an appropriate fee, and the matter of dependable locking up. The Clerk will appoint an ad hoc committee to deal with the establishment of updated use policies.

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James Reik reported on the current situation regarding the Clifford Fund. Clifford House will be sold in January for \$41,000. Greater Hartford Group Homes proposes to pay back our \$20,000 in the following fashion: \$10,000 at the time of the sale, \$5,000 six months later, and the remaining \$5,000 after twelve months. The Meeting approved of this plan, provided an appropriate agreement is drawn up. This money will then be available again as seed money in support of another project.

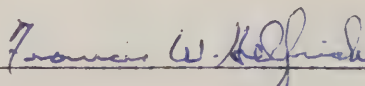
Mary Jane Carpenter explained the need of assurance for Interval House for an interest-free loan for renovations to their building, expected to be paid back in three or four years. The Meeting approved of making a commitment to Interval House for \$10,000, if needed, in January upon receipt of Clifford House money, with the possibility of lending more at a later date, the understanding being that we would be happy to receive an additional request for consideration of further loans after further money becomes available.

Alice Cheney requested contribution of \$50 to \$500 in support of Fellowship Housing of West Hartford. This request will be sent on to the Finance Committee for possible inclusion in the 1982 budget.

Kitty Chick will be married to Arthur Fink on November 21 and Meeting family are invited to attend. The Meeting approved of giving the couple one of Daphne Brown's framed paintings as a wedding present.

Record is made of the birth of David Pickett Stratton on November 2, to Dick and Jessie Stratton.

After some silence, the Meeting adjourned, proposing to meet again on December 17, 1981.


Francis W. Helfrick, Clerk


Sylvia M. Helfrick, Recording Clerk

Minutes of
Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends
Twelfth Month 17, 1981

Despite the winter storm, 13 hardy souls gathered, and the meeting started promptly with the Clerk reading one of the advices about the Meeting for Business.

Archie Meshenuk, Paul Cullen, and Ruth Wojan constitute a committee to update our guidelines for the Use Committee.

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Jim Glading reported for Ministry and Counsel. Creative Listening groups are doing quite well and one had planned to continue to meet monthly.

Ted Paullin reported on a pleasant welcoming visit to Vincent McCarthy. A subscription to Friends Journal will be sent to him.

Robert Brill presented the Treasurer's report. We still need \$6,000 to complete our 1981 budget. The Finance Committee recommends that our loan of \$5,000 to Friends Community be written off, as the indebtedness will never be paid off. The Meeting approved.

Eleventh Hour Committee has plans almost complete until June 1982. Regarding the visit of Eric Johnson to Quarterly Meeting on Feb. 7, he has said he will do a workshop on the afternoon of Feb. 6, potluck supper, and evening meeting, for adults and high school age among Hartford Meeting Friends only, as well as sessions on Feb. 7 for the entire Quarterly Meeting. The Business Meeting tonight approved of these plans as outlined by Adult Education Committee. Patricia Sittig will be invited to attend with the idea of possibly organizing a program at a later date with Yearly Meeting Young Friends. It is our intention to give Eric Johnson an honorarium of \$100, \$50 of this amount coming from Adult Education and the remaining \$50 from the persons who attend on Feb. 6. Potluck meals will be provided by Hartford Meeting.

Jim Reik informed us that preparations for the sale of Clifford House are coming along rapidly.

Yearly Meeting Faith and Practice Revision Committee has asked us to examine the Advices and send the Committee suggestions for possible change prior to April 1. Eleventh Hour and Ministry and Counsel Committees will coordinate two sessions on successive Sundays to examine the Advices.

Helen Brill reported for our Memorial Committee. Work on the Book of Remembrance will begin in January. On April 25 we will have an Eleventh Hour workshop relative to matters of biographical information, funeral arrangements, Hospice, and related subjects. The Committee suggested giving each new member a copy of Howard Brinton's Guide to Quaker Practice and also a copy of our memorial kit and will also gather appropriate biographical information. We will also continue to ask each new member about choice of gift. The Meeting approved of all these four recommendations. The Memorial Committee will add their job description to the similar descriptions of other committees.

Friends approved of giving a Christmas gift of \$50.00 to our maintenance man, Tom Staunton.

The Meeting approved of giving Deya Leonard Desner a painting by Daphne Brown as a wedding gift.

Robert Brill reported that the Conscientious Objector Committee is operating with three members, and they find no need at this time to add a fourth member, since pressure about the draft appears to be diminishing.

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Several letters of interest were read by the Clerk.

The Clerk made several suggestions for the consideration of the Beautification Committee, requesting that that committee be reactivated. The committee now consists of Elsa Cullen, Mary Jane Carpenter, Ellen Paullin, Francis Helfrick, and Kiki Eglinton. Elsa Cullen needs more help and will ask other members to serve on the committee.

After the usual interval of silence, the meeting was adjourned, to meet again on January 21, 1982.

Francis W. Helfrick

Francis W. Helfrick, Clerk

Sylvia M. Helfrick

Sylvia M. Helfrick, Recording Clerk

Minutes of
Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends
First Month 21, 1982

The Meeting for Business was begun with a period of silence during which the Clerk read a portion of I Cor. 13. 23 persons attended.

James Reik reported for Ministry and Counsel their recommendation of Nancy Alexander for membership in this meeting. James Reik and Brad Noel have visited with Nancy. The Meeting approved the recommendation enthusiastically and appointed Sally and Peggy Morrison as welcoming visitors, as well as James Glading and Moses Bailey pending their acceptance.

Penn Ritter, who has become an adult member, has now returned from China. Don and Brad Noel and Alice Cheney will visit with Penn.

Dick Stratton presented the Treasurer's report and distributed copies of financial report of the year 1981. Concerns were expressed tonight about the well-being of Conn. Savings and Loan Assn. and mutual savings banks. We have a sense of loyalty and a wish not to add to their possible hardship by changing our account at the Savings and Loan. Finance Committee will consider these concerns and bring back a report next month on these aspects of the Treasurer's report. The report was approved with appreciation for an enormous job well done.

Marjorie Baechler reported for Peace and Social Concerns. Last week they sent out an enormous mailing to 400 local churches and clergymen regarding availability of counseling about registration for the draft. About \$200 was raised at the dinner with Alison Oldham two weeks ago to enable some persons to go to Washington to interview our legislators.

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Resolutions to establish the Peace Academy have been entered in both House and Senate and we are urged to write in support of these bills. The Meeting is asked to co-sponsor the appearance of Milton Mapes, Jr., speaking on the Peace Academy on March 7 in Madison, CT. Co-sponsoring means use of our name for publicity purposes, and helping publicize, plus a contribution if possible. The Meeting approved of this co-sponsorship, the contribution to be arranged by Peace and Social Concerns.

Judith McBride spoke of her concern about speedy trials. She is concerned that by our political activity and resultant arrests, leading to cases which are expedited by the courts, we may be inadvertently adding to the excessively long waits of some other prisoners.

A letter was read from Kitty Chick and her family, thanking us for our love and wedding gift, and asking us to hug one another for them. The Meeting approved.

Plans for Quarterly Meeting and the workshops with Eric Johnson were finalized.

Helen Brill reported some facts about New England Yearly Meeting. The individuals who do so much for NEYM are overworked and underpaid. We are very much in debt to Yearly Meeting and need to support it.

Alice Neece will be married on Sunday, April 25, to Arthur Moseley under the care of Raleigh, North Carolina, Meeting.

Ruth Fitch and Lawrence Alexander have requested marriage under the care of Hartford Meeting on March 27. The Meeting appointed Marjorie and Henry Baechler and Alan and Rosalind Spier as a Committee on Clearness.

For the Nominating Committee, Robert Brill told us that they have prepared a list of descriptions of committee functions to go out with the Bulletin this month. He suggested that at the rise of meeting for worship each week for a while, one committee clerk describe in three minutes or less the activities of that particular committee, to try to generate more interest in the work of various committees. The Meeting approved of so doing.

On Feb. 13 there will be a sendoff party at the home of Libby Butterworth, for Kay Smedley, who will be leaving for Kendall Retirement Home at Longwood, PA.

The Clerk read a letter of thanks from Interval House for the cuddly teddy bears and for our ongoing support.

A letter has been received from Michael and Margaret Hughes of Hartford, England, Meeting. They expect to visit relations and friends in Canada and the U.S. and to attend our meeting on Sunday, March 21, as well as Pendle Hill and Yearly Meeting in Philadelphia.

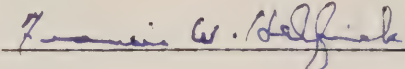
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A letter was read from the Capitol Region Conference of Churches, inviting us to participate in a luncheon discussion of proposed peace program in this area. Several meeting members are already involved in this important activity.

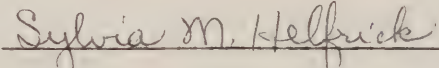
A letter has been received announcing a Billy Graham Central Conn. Crusade and inviting the Meeting to participate in preparatory seminars. The Meeting discussed and approved of not participating in the Billy Graham Crusade.

Jim Carpenter reported that one of our furnaces is in bad condition and will have to be replaced and that our other furnace is also giving us serious trouble.

The meeting was closed after a few moments of silence, planning to meet again on Thursday, February 18.



Francis W. Helfrick, Clerk



Sylvia M. Helfrick, Recording Clerk

Minutes of
Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends
Second Month 18, 1982

Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends Meeting for Business was held as usual at 7:30 p.m. at the Meeting House in West Hartford on Second Month 18, 1982. Twenty-one persons attended.

The Meeting opened with a period of worship, during which the Clerk read one of the Advices on "The Meeting Community".

Several persons shared their impressions of Quarterly Meeting.

Jim Glading reported for Ministry and Counsel. Doris Nowak has given up her membership in the Meeting. Robert Neece has been dropped from membership, having turned 25 years old and not wishing to become an adult member. The proposed new advices will be discussed by the Meeting, and suggestions for change have been requested by the appropriate Yearly Meeting Committee.

John Breasted reported that the Committee on Peace and Social Concerns intends to send one or more persons to Washington, DC, in the next two months.

Archie Meshenuk reported on the updating of the schedule of contributions for the use of our building, on what figures these "fees"

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are based, guidelines for applying these fees or adjusting them, and what groups are deemed appropriate for allowing use of this building. The guideline for who may use it reads thus: Any non-profit community group in keeping with Friends' principles and sense of decorum, at the discretion of the chairman of the Use committee, or of the Clerk, or of the Business Meeting. The Meeting approved of the principles and schedule for use, a copy of which will be posted on the bulletin board. Any use of the Williams room must be cleared through the Chairman of the Use Committee.

Ellen Paullin reported for the Memorial Committee. They will present a program for Eleventh Hour on April 18.

Henry Baechler reported that the Committee on Clearness for the marriage of Ruth Fitch and Larry Alexander finds all clear. The Meeting approved with great joy and appointed Hall and Marion Cushman and Betty Chapin and Vernon Martin as overseers.

Sally Morrison, M.J. Erb, and Betty Chapin reported on the making of a "Quaker" tape by Margaret Morrison, Betty Chapin, and M.J. Erb, in which they recorded sayings by George Fox and John Woolman, the voices of our children singing, among other features. Playing it at church groups has elicited considerable interest. It will be played at Eleventh Hour on April 25th. Effort will be made to air it on radio programs.

The Annual Report of the Recorder was given by M. J. Erb, and was approved by the Meeting. There has been a net decrease of three in our membership for the year 1981. The Meeting approved of recommending to Yearly Meeting a change on the statistical sheet; namely, the removal of the word, "disownment", as being obsolete.

Announcement was made of the birth of Paul McCarthy on February 17, the son of Vincent McCarthy and Akiko Kurimoto.

Ruth Fitch presented and discussed the report of the Finance Committee. The Meeting approved of the 1982 budget as presented, with one addition of \$25.00 to the Religious Coalition for Abortion Rights. Question was raised about our membership in that group and plan was made to discuss it more thoroughly at another Meeting for Business.

The following statement of general policy of spending by the Meeting, as presented by the Finance Committee, was approved as read:

"It is a general policy of this Meeting that funds budgeted to a Meeting committee are to be expended for programs, speakers, public notices, etc., initiated by the Meeting committee, or clearly co-sponsored by the Meeting committee from inception. It is recognized that often non-Meeting persons or organizations may initiate or sponsor meetings, programs, etc., involving special issues or causes either identical or close to the concerns of this Meeting and its committees. In the event that a committee or its chairperson(s) believe that either a portion of its budget, or in special cases additional funds, should be

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expended either in contributions to or sponsorship with other organizations and their programs, the request should be brought to the Clerk of the Meeting. The Clerk may make a decision to approve such an action or may defer it to the next Meeting for Business, either scheduled or a special called meeting. Whether the Clerk approves or disapproves such a request should be reported at the next Meeting for Business, both for information and/or appropriate action. This step may insure that both the committee and the Meeting may learn from each other the nature of special requests and the manner in which a response is best made that reflects the spirit in which the Meeting wishes its monies spent and actions taken.

The Clerk of North Easton Friends Meeting has requested permission to make an addition to our memorial minute for Wendell Clepper. Our Clerk will reply that they are welcome to use our minute and make an addition and it is their responsibility to forward a copy of their minute to Yearly Meeting, since they are the Meeting of Wendell Clepper's membership at the time of his death.

The meeting was closed with a period of silence, with the intention of continuing with next Meeting for Business on Third Month 18th day.

Francis W. Helfrick

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Minutes of
Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends
Third Month 18, 1982

The regular meeting of Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends was held on the 18th day of Third Month 1982 at the Meeting House. Seventeen persons attended. Friends welcomed David Kulle, who has been attending Meeting for Worship quite regularly.

During the brief opening period of worship, the Clerk read from two of the proposed new advices.

Jim Glading reported for Ministry and Counsel. They will hold a "seeker session" on April 4 after Meeting for Worship. Jim read a list of 14 new attenders who will be invited this year. Jim also read us some notes on Ministry and Counsel discussions of the meetings on the proposed advices, as well as a history of the development of the advices and notes on the differing purposes of advices and queries. Friends approved of sending the report to Gordon Browne of New England Yearly Meeting Faith and Practice Revision Committee. On the recommendation of Ministry and

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Counsel, Judith McBride proposed that the Meeting appoint a committee to explore ways of being supportive to lesbians and gays in the Meeting and in the community. Friends approved of the formation of such a committee. Judith McBride, Robert Brill, and Gerda Wallach volunteered to be members and were appointed. Judith will be convener. The Bulletin will carry this announcement inviting other interested persons to volunteer as committee members.

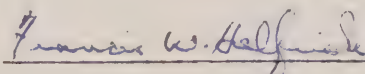
Our Treasurer reported in writing that income through February, 1982, was \$2,500, which compares favorably with the corresponding period of the past two years.

Nominating Committee reported that they have as yet been unsuccessful in finding a Clerk for the Religious Education Committee. Friends approved of holding a special meeting to discuss Religious Education at Eleventh Hour on April 25, moving the hearing of the Quaker tape to April 4, pending approval of Eleventh Hour Committee.

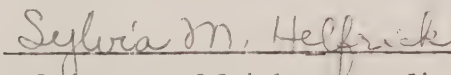
Marjorie Baechler brought us up to date on the difficulties and changes in connection with preparation and mailing of the Bulletin. Carolyn and Bud Howard will in the near future stop their addressing service of the Bulletin which they have faithfully done for many, many years as their contribution to Meeting. New arrangements will have to be made, and we are thinking of a way to celebrate the Howards especially.

Elsa Cullen, our delegate to the Capitol Region Conference of Churches, reported on the multitude of activities of that body. Elsa works long hours on the Board and several other members of our Meeting are also active in the Conference.

The Clerk read several letters of interest. Then after some minutes of silence, the business meeting was adjourned with the intention of convening again on Thursday, April 15.



Francis W. Helfrick, Clerk



Sylvia M. Helfrick, Recording Clerk

Minutes of
Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends
Fourth Month 15, 1982

The Meeting for Business was convened at the Meeting House at 7:30 p.m. During a silent period, Ellen Paullin read a message from a friend in England who asks us to remember the Argentines and the British in our Meeting for Worship. Twenty-one persons were present.

Elsa Cullen reported on the seekers' session on April 4. Fred and

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Mary Fletcher were welcomed, and also commented on the seekers' session.

Marion Cushman reported as overseer of the wedding of Ruth Fitch and Larry Alexander on March 27. The Meeting approved of framing their marriage certificate as our wedding gift from the Meeting. Appreciation was expressed for the handsome new clock on top of the bookshelf - this clock being a gift to the Meeting from Ruth and Larry.

Fritz Semmler was welcomed after a long absence from business meeting. He read a letter to our Meeting Treasurer, including a check for \$625.00 as 25% of his 1981 federal income tax. He requested help from our Meeting in seeing to it that this amount is held in escrow until the outcome of his "civil disobedience" is cleared up. The money would eventually be a contribution to the Meeting to be used in this country for peaceful purposes at the discretion of our Meeting. He also read a letter he has sent to the Internal Revenue Service explaining why he has refused to pay the above amount to the IRS. The 25% represents the estimated Pentagon's share of the 1981 U.S. budget, which Fritz refused to pay as a protest against nuclear war. Fritz will also send copies of his letter to President Reagan, Senators Dodd and Weicker, and Representative Barbara Kennelly. Marjorie Baechler offered to keep the Meeting informed on tax resistance. New England Yearly Meeting has a Peace Tax Fund, and some other monthly meetings also have a similar fund. Friends approved of our whole meeting being a support committee for Fritz and for others who may need support for refusal to pay a portion of taxes for similar reasons.

Marjorie Baechler reported for Peace and Social Concerns. Transportation for the rally in New York City on June 12 is now in the process of being coordinated. John Breasted reported that the Greater Hartford Nuclear Freeze Campaign, of which the Meeting is a part, needs a repository for an anticipated grant from the Haymarket Foundation. Funds contributed must be supervised by a non-profit, tax-exempt organization. John asks if Hartford Meeting would be willing to supervise these funds. The Meeting approved of doing so. Contributions may be payable to the "June 12th Committee".

Virginia Dattoo will represent the Meeting at the wedding of Alice Neece and Arthur Moseley, III, on April 25.

Robert Brill discussed the preliminary report of the Nominating Committee. During the general discussion, it was as usual strongly recommended that more Young Friends be included on committees.

The Clerk read a letter from Tom Bodine with which he returned the travelling minute, with comments from two meetings which he attended: San Francisco and Palo Alto Friends Meetings.

Betty Chapin, Beatrice Coward, and Marjorie Baechler were appointed as representatives to Quarterly Meeting on May 2 at Middletown.

Marjorie Baechler read the report of the Bulletin Committee, regarding changes in the mailing process of our monthly Bulletin. After many expressions of gratitude to Bud and Carolyn DeCou Howard for their

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many, many years of faithful service in providing equipment and time each month in folding and addressing the individual Bulletins, the Meeting approved of the following recommendations:

That we notify the Howards, after the next Bulletin is done, that we have found a non-profit, convenient alternative so they may retire with our grateful thanks.

That we set up a special reception to honor Bud and Carolyn for their special, long-term service to our Meeting. The date will be decided essentially by Marjorie Baechler and Helen Brill.

That we turn over our mailing list to Webster Memorial Library, First Church of Christ Congregational, West Hartford, at the modest costs which they specified.

The stamp project started by Dorothea Kelsey will not be continued by giving such stamps to Robert Agard of Mt. Toby Meeting, who also collects stamps for the Friends World Committee.

The Meeting approved of allowing the Memorial Committee to use discretion in regard to which non-members to include in the Memorial Book of Remembrance.

After an interval of silence, the business meeting was adjourned, to meet again on May 20, 1982.

Francis W. Helfrick
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Minutes of
Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends
Fifth Month 20, 1982

Monthly Meeting for Business of the Hartford Monthly Meeting, Religious Society of Friends, was convened by the Clerk at 7:30 p.m., Fifth Month twenty, 1982. During silence the Clerk read Advices on Meeting for Worship and Meeting for Business. Marjorie Baechler was asked to serve as interim Recording Clerk. There were 23 persons present.

Ministry and Counsel reported that two Eleventh Hour sessions led by Vincent McCarthy and Lester _____ had been well attended. The June M & C Meeting will welcome newly appointed members Olive Whittier, Thomas Mangan and Helen Glenn. Helen Glenn will serve as representative to New England Yearly Meeting Ministry and Counsel.

Helen Glenn represented Hartford Meeting at the 38th annual Institute

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on Judaism at Temple Beth Israel. The Clerk read her fine report of the sessions.

Elsa Cullen reminded us of the Inter-faith Peace Sabbath Services on May 30 at 1:00 p.m. on the Old State House lawn in Hartford. A noon picnic will precede the service. On Tuesday, June 1, and Wednesday, June 2, Japanese Hiroshima Survivors will speak in the area. Nineteen people have indicated interest in attending the June 12 Disarmament Rally in New York City on charter bus (others have signed up in their own communities). Clerk Francis Helfrick participated in a recent Nuclear Freeze program in Hartford. Although Peace and Social Concerns Committee has held no recent formal meetings, all of its members are active in the Freeze Coalition activities.

James Reik expressed a concern shared by a number of members concerning our Meeting contributions to New England Yearly Meeting and the uses to which the money is put. Paul Cullen also spoke to this concern; his concern is the proportionate share of our giving to New England Yearly Meeting. We are one of the highest contributors; the gap between the Hartford Meeting contribution and that given by other constituent Monthly Meetings is a wide one. After considerable discussion, Meeting approved expressing our concern to New England Yearly Meeting Clerk, appointing a committee to draw up a statement of specific concerns to present at our June Meeting for Business for discussion and approval. James Reik, Paul Cullen, Ted Paullin, Dick Stratton, Bob Brill and Ruth Alexander will serve on the committee with James Reik as convenor.

The final report of the Nominating Committee was approved with appreciation for a fine completion of their task.

James Reik was approved for a three-year term on Nominating Committee.

Religious Education Committee is planning a 9-11 a.m. "Work Day" at the Meeting House on June 5. The Committee plans to meet regularly throughout the year with June 21 the next meeting.

The Annual Picnic will be moved forward to June 20.

Meeting approved asking individual Friends to designate individual contributions to assist Brian and Darcy Drayton, Directors of New England Friends Home in Hingham, MA, in attending the triennial sessions of Friends World Committee for Consultation to be held in Kenya in August, representing New England Yearly Meeting. Checks may be sent to NEYM Treasurer Robert Brill.

Wayne Lauser of Brattleboro, VT, asked to visit Hartford on Wednesday, July 7, with a family program "One Golden Crane", which includes puppets, song and slides. He travels with a concern for nuclear war. The Strattons will explore the possibility of such a visit with Hartford Friends and report to us at June Meeting for Business.

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The Treasurer reported individual contributions received so far in 1982 at approximately 38% of our budget (\$10,700).

A number of requests for money were received and noted. A communique from China Camp was turned over to our Conference Encouragers.

Representatives appointed to 1982 sessions of New England Yearly Meeting at Gorham, Maine, August 17-22, 1982, include: Archie and Dorothy Meshenuk; Henry and Marjorie Baechler; Helen Glenn. It was suggested and approved that a Young Friend be appointed as representative to the Meeting of Junior Friends.

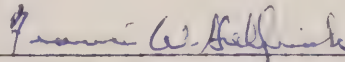
Robert Brill reported on the May session of Connecticut Valley Quarterly Meeting held in Middletown on May 2. Monthly Meetings are asked to contribute \$5.00 to CVQM for expenses incurred by the Clerks. Meeting asked for individual contributions for this purpose. Monthly Meetings are encouraged to appoint a representative to Quarterly Meeting who will serve for a year to provide some continuity and to encourage other members to attend also.

Meeting enthusiastically approved transfer of membership from Swarthmore, PA, Monthly Meeting for Elëta Jones and Liana Jones Thompson. Vernon Martin and Betty Chapin will welcome them.

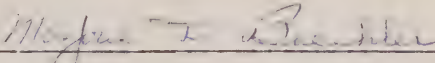
Vernon Martin reported on a military authorization bill now before the House of Representatives which would deny federal scholarship aid to any man who cannot prove he has registered with Selective Service. We were urged to write our Representative.

We note the birth of Matthew Delis Ritter, son of Thomas and Christine (Keller) Ritter, and on May 2 the birth of Homer Charles Boutte to Alice (Cheney) Boutte and Thomas Boutte.

We adjourned after a period of silence, determined to meet again on June 17 and September 16, 1982.



Francis W. Helfrick, Clerk



Marjorie Baechler, Recorder

Minutes of
Hartford Monthly Meeting of Friends
Sixth Month 17, 1982

The Business Meeting was convened at the usual time in our Meeting House. Twenty-three persons attended.

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During an interval of worship, the Clerk read a query, "Do you perceive Monthly Meeting as an extension of Meeting for Worship?"

For Ministry and Counsel, Jim Glading proposed holding a Meeting weekend at Woolman Hill in September. The Meeting appointed Nancy Mason, Karen Will, and Jim Glading to serve as an arrangements committee. A memorial service was held here yesterday, June 16, 1982, for Jane Cheney, who died in Washington, DC, on June 11. The service was attended by about 65 persons, many of whom were eager to give spoken tribute to Jane. Many of the visitors also expressed appreciation for our Meeting and for the memorial service. The Meeting appointed Jane's Creative Listening group to prepare a memorial minute.

Dick Stratton presented the report of the Treasurer. Through June 16, \$10,725 has been received for the year to date, which is 37% of the annual amount, roughly comparable to the receipts of other years. For the ad hoc committee, Dick also showed us figures pertaining to dollar and per capita giving of the five largest meetings to New England Yearly Meeting. Hartford Meeting consistently contributes considerably more money per capita than other monthly meetings. Dick read a proposed letter of concern written to Doris Ashley, Clerk of Yearly Meeting Finance Committee, which reads as follows:

Doris Ashley, Clerk
Yearly Meeting Finance Committee

Dear Friends:

We write on behalf of Hartford Monthly Meeting in order to communicate to the Yearly Meeting Finance Committee some concerns from within our meeting regarding our level of financial support to the Yearly Meeting. We are not certain where this letter may lead, but we feel it appropriate to communicate the concerns earlier rather than later, and to invite a dialogue with the wider Yearly Meeting community.

During the past several years we have noted that the Hartford contribution on a per capita basis has dramatically exceeded that of the five largest meetings. (See attached table.) Although our meeting has generally supported the Yearly Meeting warmly, the disparity has been frequently noted with concern. Each year this question is raised as we consider our own budget. This year the Finance Committee struggled over this question and in truth the amount for the Yearly Meeting in the budget presented to Monthly Meeting did not have the unified support of all members of the Finance Committee.

While Friends in Hartford struggle with these questions, the Yearly Meeting lays plans and makes personnel commitments which require increased funds. Each year we have

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tried to respond because we have generally believed in the program. However, some Friends have been led to question whether we need to spend as much as we do on a Yearly Meeting staff. As a non-clerical church, some find it hard to contribute toward the Yearly Meeting rather than toward projects and agencies carrying out our deeply felt concerns. Others note that we spend far less on structure than most churches and agree that a regional organization with a paid staff has a vital role to play. We recognize that those employed by the Yearly Meeting are not well compensated and we wish neither to criticize their work nor increase the financial sacrifice of working for the Yearly Meeting.

Obviously each meeting makes its own decisions about Yearly Meeting contributions, and if Hartford Friends are unhappy about our contribution we can't "blame" any other group. On the other hand, we wonder if the Finance Committee addresses these facts in its discussions. As the committee plans a new budget does it make some effort to project where the increased revenue will come from? Does the committee know of these concerns within Hartford Meeting and is there any effort to encourage other meetings to carry a larger proportion?

We recognize that there are several small meetings from which significant Yearly Meeting contributions are not likely. Nor do we advocate a quota system. We suspect that our contribution will and should be relatively larger than most other meetings. But after recognizing all of that, we feel that if the Yearly Meeting's program is to truly represent the desires of its members, the burden of financial support should be more broadly shared.

We want to communicate to the Yearly Meeting that these concerns exist in our meeting and to invite your comments. The meeting does not contemplate any specific action in the near term and our contribution for the Yearly Meeting's 82-83 budget is already set at \$9 .

On behalf of Hartford Monthly Meeting,

Approval of the letter was given with a few minor changes, with the expression that Dick has splendidly captured the "sense of the meeting" from last month's business meeting and from ad hoc committee meetings. Friends directed that copies of the letter be sent to Doris Ashley and also to Sylvia Perry, Clerk of New England Yearly Meeting.

Bruce Loudon as auditor reported that the accounting records are being kept properly and competently and have worked out exactly to the penny for 1981. Our financial standing is better than last year.

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Between 50 and 60 persons from Hartford Monthly Meeting attended the largest peace demonstration in history, the June 12 Disarmament Rally in New York City, which included around 800,000 demonstrators. Also on June 14 one of our members participated in civil disobedience relating to the nuclear freeze. The Hartford Meeting participants on June 12 said they were impressed and exhilarated.

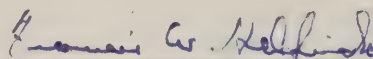
Judith McBride presented a resolution at the request of the American Friends Service Committee, asking President Reagan to intervene to terminate the Lebanon-Israeli conflict. Judith also asked the Meeting to read a statement written by Acton Monthly Meeting, supporting those within the Society of Friends who wish to explore Friends' attitudes toward homosexuality and bisexuality, and welcoming efforts at all levels in the Society toward furthering understanding in this area.

Alice Cheney reported on the welcoming visit by her and Brad Noel and Don Noel with Penn Ritter at his home. Margaret Morrison reported on the welcoming visit by her and Jim Glading for Nancy Alexander when she attended meeting for worship last Sunday. Betty Chapin, Robert Brill, and Vernon Martin welcomed Aleitha Jones and her little daughter, Liana Thompson, to membership.

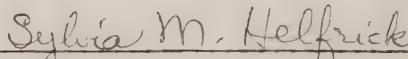
Vernon Martin has written a letter of resolution about the military draft to Alan Nevas, U.S. Attorney in New Haven, indicating that the Meeting would continue to counsel with young people who are intending to refuse to register for the draft. The resolution was circulated for signatures in the business meeting.

Suggestion was made to do something to lighten and brighten the entrance hall; perhaps paint the walls a lighter color and perhaps also repaint the meeting room. This question was referred to our Maintenance Committee, who may also confer with the Beautification Committee.

The meeting was closed with a period of silence, to meet again on September 16, 1982.



Francis W. Helfrick, Clerk



Sylvia M. Helfrick, Recording Clerk

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